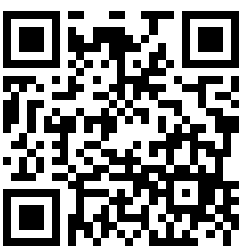
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OFFICERS OF THE 1/5TH KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT IN THE LINE AT GIVENCHY, 15TH MARCH, 1918. (165TH BRIGADE, 55TH DIVISION)

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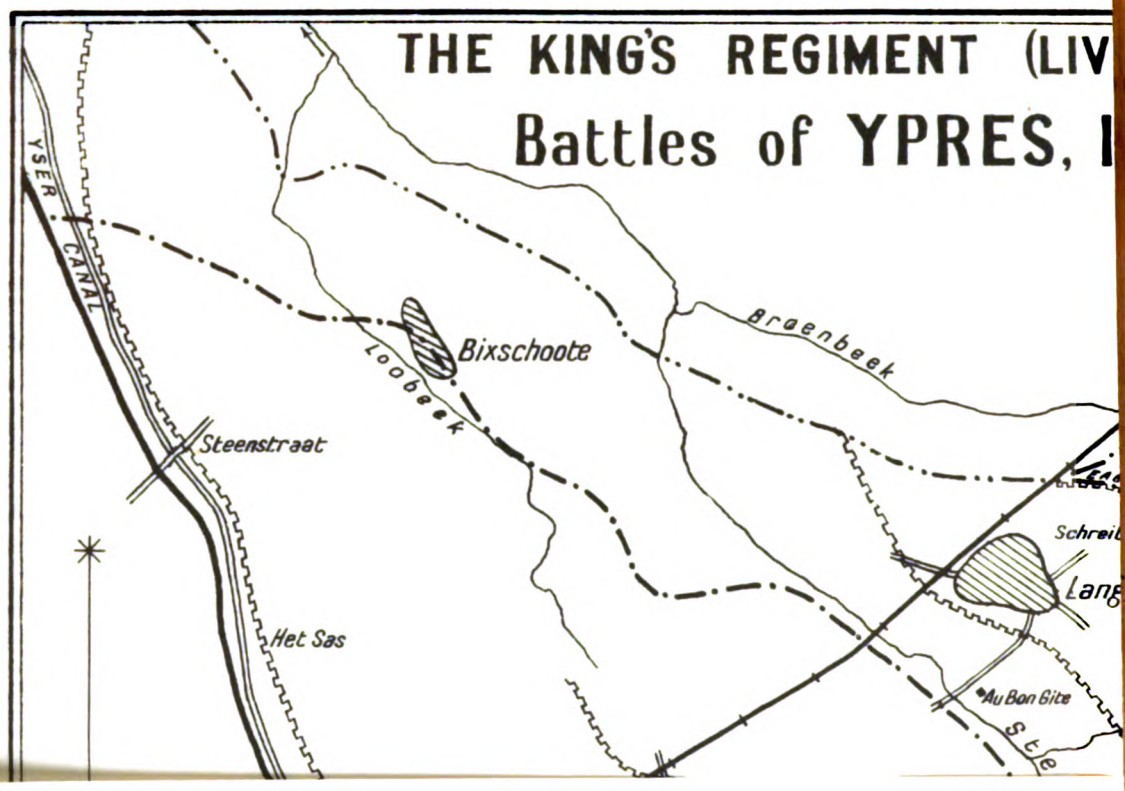
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CHAPTER XXXIII

THE BATTLE OF YPRES 1917

FIRST Arras, with its days of gun fire so violent as to leave the senses benumbed and the already scarred and broken trenches tumbled to almost primeval condition; then Messines, when the very bowels of the earth seemed flung into the air by the unprecedented discharge of nineteen mines, with results so monstrous and a spectacle so awe-inspiring as to baffle description; and now once again Ypres—the third series of battles which raged south, east and north of that city of the dead, through which in daylight hours men and horses hurried rapidly as if the place were plague ridden. Cambrai was to follow.

Heavy indeed was the burden shouldered by the British Armies in France and Flanders in 1917.

In the Battle of Messines, 1917, we had wrested from the enemy the whole of the Messines–Wytschaete Ridge and the British line had been pushed forward to the Oostaverne line—a line which ran just east of the village of that name—from north of "Plugstreet" Wood to the Ypres–Comines Canal, half-way between the White Château and Hollebeke, thence across the Canal embracing the whole of Battle Wood, to our old front line again in front of Armagh Wood.

And now began the final preparations for the main offensive east and north of Ypres. On the 10th of June the Fifth Army, owing to the great extent of front to be dealt with, took over command from Observatory Ridge (just north of Armagh Wood) to Boesinghe. Beyond the latter village French troops (of the First French Army), relieved by British troops in the coast section from St. George's to the sea, were to extend the left flank of the Fifth Army, after relieving the Belgians from Boesinghe to Noordschoote.

"The various problems," said Sir Douglas Haig, "inseparable from the mounting of a great offensive, the improvement and construction of roads and railways, the provision of an adequate water supply and of accommodation for troops, the formation of dumps, the digging of dug-outs, subways and trenches, and the assembling and registering of guns, had all to be met and overcome in the new theatre of battle, under conditions of more than ordinary disadvantage."

The whole of the ground from which the attack was to be made was completely exposed to the full gaze of the enemy, for not even the capture of the Messines–Wytschaete Ridge, denying the enemy as it did observation

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from the south, had robbed him of excellent and direct observation over the Salient from east and south-east, as well as from the Pilkem Ridge to the north. In Arras there had been deep caves and cellars in which to hide troops assembled for the attack: no such shelters existed in the Ypres Salient. Everything had to be done in the open—exposed to the enemy's observers and subjected all the while to interference from his artillery.

The devotion and splendid efforts of our airmen enabled our guns to carry out counter-battery work and a methodical and comprehensive artillery programme, forcing the Boche to withdraw his guns to places of greater security, thereby making possible the completion of preparations behind our front line.

First designed to begin on the 25th, the attack was postponed until the 28th, and finally to the 31st of July. On the 27th the enemy had evacuated his front-line and support trenches on a front of about three thousand yards east and north of Boesinghe, and the Guards and French troops pushed forward immediately east of the Yser Canal and occupied the vacated positions, all attempts by the Boche to turn them out being repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers.

(i) THE BATTLE OF PILKEM RIDGE: 31st July–2nd August

In the first of the Battles of Ypres, 1917, *i.e.*, the Battle of Pilkem, 31st July–2nd August, the front of the Allied attack was to extend from the Lys River opposite Deulemont northwards to beyond Steenstraat—over fifteen miles. The main blow was to be delivered on a front of about seven-and-a-half miles by the Fifth Army from the Zillebeke–Zandvoorde road to Boesinghe inclusive. The Second Army, on the southern flank of the Fifth Army, was to advance only a short distance, its principal object in the first stage being to increase the area threatened by the attack so as to force the enemy to distribute his artillery fire. On the left of the Fifth Army, the First French Army was to advance its right in close touch with the British forces and secure the latter from attack from the north.

The Fifth Army was to advance in a series of bounds with which the French were to keep step.

In the final attack it was hoped that the British troops would succeed in establishing themselves on the crest of the high ground east of Ypres, on which a strong flank could be formed for subsequent operations; also, secure the crossings of the Steenbeek.

From the western edge of Shrewsbury Forest and just north of the Zillebeke–Zandvoorde road, to the eastern banks of the Yser just opposite Boesinghe, the British divisions in line (in the order given from right to left) assembled to attack the enemy on the morning of the 31st of July, were as follows: 24th, 30th, 8th, 15th, 55th, 39th, 51st, 38th and Guards.

17th, 18th, 19th 20th, 1/5th, 1/6th 1/7th, 1/8th, 1/9th 1/10th Battalions

The 30th Division occupied trenches from just inside the western edges of Sanctuary Wood to Observatory Ridge, the 55th Division just south of Wieltje. Ten battalions of the King's Regiment, *i.e.*, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 1/5th, 1/6th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 1/9th, and 1/10th were therefore involved in the Battle of Pilkem.

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1st July

The 1st of July found the 89th Brigade (30th Division) still holding front-line trenches east of Zillebeke, the 17th King's in the Observatory Ridge sector, the 19th in Brigade Support at Château Segard, and the 20th Battalion in front of Zillebeke.

The Boche was intensely active: his artillery literally plastered our lines with shell, and 89th Brigade Headquarters reported that from 12.35 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. on the 1st, shells fell at the rate of sixteen per minute. On the 2nd he again shelled the brigade area and front lines, the 20th King's reporting that his guns were "very active from early morning till late at night." He also exercised such close observation on the trenches that no sooner had the work begun on repairing the damage than he signalled to his guns, which again breached the parapets in several places. All this was with the intention—so said a German, taken prisoner—of attacking our lines in a few days.

20th Battalion 3rd July

The 20th sent out a patrol on the night of the 3rd to obtain an identification if possible, but owing to the brightness of the moon the enterprise had to be abandoned.

17th Battalion 3/4th July

Just after midnight (12.15 a.m.) on the 3rd/4th, the 17th Battalion also sent out a fighting patrol, consisting of Lieut. A. Chevasse and eight other ranks, with the object of ascertaining dispositions of the enemy, obtaining an identification and killing as many of the enemy as possible.

On nearing the enemy's wire, the patrol encountered a German patrol, which opened fire on Lieut. Chevasse and his men. A stiff fight ensued and the patrol withdrew, Lieut. Chevasse bringing up the rear, but on reaching our lines the officer was found to be missing. A search party, consisting of Capt. A. I Draper, Capt. C. E. Torrey, Capt. F. B. Chevasse, R.A.M.C. (brother of Lieut. Chevasse), Second-Lieut. C. A. Peters and L/Cpl. Dixon, then went out and searched No Man's Land. During the search Captain Torrey was wounded and taken back to the trenches. Second-Lieut. Peters and L/Cpl. Dixon then discovered Lieut. Chevasse, who had been wounded in the thigh, lying in a shell hole. Lieut. Peters returned for assistance but was killed on his way back. Meanwhile L/Cpl. Dixon had bandaged the wounded officer and, after awaiting the arrival of the necessary assistance, he too went back to our lines for stretcher bearers to carry Lieut. Chevasse in. But on returning the party could not find the wounded officer and had to retire on account of the dawn breaking. The following night another search was made, but still no trace could be found of the officer.[1] His Brigadier said of him: "He was a most gallant fellow like all the rest of his family."

The 17th, 19th, and 20th King's were relieved on the 6th/7th of July and moved back with the Brigade to a rest area about Polincove Château, where training for the attack was carried out.

1/6th Battalion 1st July

On the 1st of July the 55th Division held the Wieltje sector with one brigade (165th). At 1 a.m. that morning the 1/6th King's sent out a fighting patrol under Second-Lieut. N. R. Phillips in an endeavour to obtain indentifications,

[1]He is given as "killed in action" on 4/7/17 in *Officers Died in the War*.

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but the Boche was very much on the alert and two hostile patrols were met out in No Man's Land, with the result that the King's men were forced to retire. At the same time the following morning the enemy attempted to rush the trenches of the 1/6th Battalion. Three Germans got in but very quickly got out again; one German was taken prisoner.

1/8th Battalion 4th July

On the night of the 2nd/3rd the 165th Brigade was relieved by the 164th, and the former moved back to Boisdienghem area for training. The 1/8th King's, however, were in reserve in the neighbourhood of Goldfish Château. The enemy's shell fire was almost incessant and, on the 4th, Second-Lieut. C. A. S. Shaw was killed and seven other ranks wounded. On the 9th of July the Liverpool Irish relieved the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers in the Potijze trenches. This tour in the front line was costly, for casualties were frequent.

14th July

On the 14th, Lieut. A. B. Tickle and two other ranks were killed and six other ranks wounded. On the previous day two other ranks had been killed, three wounded and ten "gassed." On the 16th six more men were wounded. On the 19th the enemy put down a heavy barrage on the trenches of the 1/8th; Captains R. P. Keating and P. G. Franklin and four other ranks were killed, while seven other ranks were wounded. The following night the battalion raided the enemy's trenches. The raiders "went over" under Second-Lieut. Michaelis, while Second-Lieut. Wray was in charge of the covering party. The raiders met with strong resistance and could not reach the enemy's trenches, but the covering party succeeded in getting into the Boche front lines, but found them evacuated. Second-Lieut. Michaelis was wounded.

1/10th Battalion 20/21st July

The 1/10th relieved the 1/8th on the night of the 20th/21st, the latter marching back to Red Rose Camp.

The Liverpool Scottish, in moving up to relieve the 1/8th, had the misfortune to lose eight other ranks killed and one officer and eight other ranks wounded by a shell which fell in the midst of a platoon as it was passing the canal bank.

21/22nd July

The night of the 21st/22nd was horrible. Our guns had been active all day, the enemy making little reply until the evening, when he began to shell our lines with "mustard gas." So violent was this shelling that, in spite of all precautions being taken with box respirators, two officers and sixty-seven other ranks were "gassed" and had to be evacuated to hospital. On the three following nights also the same type of shell was used against the battalion, a number of men having to be "sent down" sick. On the night of the 24th/25th the Liverpool Scottish were relieved and moved back to Derby Camp.

Some idea of the costly nature of tours in the line, when no attacks were made on or by the enemy, may be gathered from the fact that the 1/10th King's give their casualties for July (not counting their losses during operations which took place on the 31st) as 12 other ranks killed, 4 officers and 129 other ranks wounded.

In the operations to begin on the 31st the 30th Division was to attack with the 21st Brigade on the right, 90th Brigade on the left and 89th Brigade in reserve, of which two battalions were to pass through the troops on the line

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of the first, and second objectives (Blue and Black Lines respectively) and capture the third objective, *i.e.* the Green Line.

Of the 21st Brigade, the 2nd Yorkshires, on the right, and 2nd Wiltshires, on the left, were to capture the Blue Line; the 19th Manchesters, on the right, and 18th King's, on the left, the Black Line, which ran just east of Jasper and Jap Trenches, Harenthage Château and the larger portion of Inverness Copse being in the area to be attacked by the King's men.

Of the 89th Brigade, the 17th and 20th King's were detailed to attack the Green Line, while the 19th King's and 2nd Bedfords were held in Divisional Reserve.

The operations of the 30th Division (24th Division on its right and the 8th Division on the left) are described first.

18th Battalion 24th July

The 18th King's of the 21st Brigade moved by route march from the Wippenhoek area Canal Reserve Camp on the 24th of July, when company training was carried out for several days. In the meantime the tracks to the position of assembly and the assembly trenches were reconnoitred each day by parties of offices, N.C.Os. and men. Casualties were suffered during these reconnaissances, Second-Lieut. H. Dodd being wounded on the 25th. On the 27th, two officers with a party not only reconnoitred the assembly positions but began to collect stores of Sayers stoves, bombs, rifle grenades and tools in the Promenade for issue to, and for the use of companies on "Y" day; and in Maple Copse for use on "Y/Z"[1] night. On the 28th further reconnaissances of the assembly positions and the placing of stores took place, but on the 29th at about 5 p.m., the 18th King's received orders to move to Château Segard instead of to the Promenade, so that the work of placing stores at the latter place had been in vain, and a fresh issue of bombs, rifle grenades, and tools had to be arranged for and stored at Château Segard.

28th July

30th July

"Y" day (30th July) was spent at the latter place, the men being rested as much as possible. At 8 p.m. the battalion moved up to the positions of assembly without casualties. By 12.30 a.m. on the 31st of July the 18th King's were ready. The Battalion Diary reports that "the men were in splendid form and showed no ill effects from the night march over tracks deep in mud, and carrying heavy loads."

Battalion Headquarters were at Crab Crawl Tunnel.

Before "Zero" hour (3.50 a.m.) rum was issued to all ranks. The issue of hot tea (as intended) was impossible, for the water supply had been blown up by the enemy's shell fire!

Discharges of thermit and oil drums preceded "Zero" hour when, covered by an accurate artillery barrage from a great number of guns, our infantry swept over No Man's Land and entered the German trenches at all points.

"On the greater part of the front of the main attack," states the official dispatches, "the resistance of the German infantry was quickly overcome and rapid progress was made. The difficult country east of Ypres, where the Menin

[1] "Y" day was the day before the attack; "Y/Z" the night before the attack.

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Road crosses the crest of the Wytschaete–Passchendaele Ridge, formed, however, the key to the enemy's position, and here the most determined opposition was encountered. None the less, the attacking brigades, including a number of Lancashire battalions, regiments from all parts of England, and a few Scottish and Irish battalions (24th, 30th and 8th Divisions), fought their way steadily forward through Shrewsbury Forest and Sanctuary Wood, and captured Stirling Castle, Hooge and the Bellewaarde Ridge. After the capture of the German front-line system[1] our troops on this part of our front (both sides of the Menin Road) had advanced in time with the divisions on their left against their second objective.[2] Great opposition was at once encountered in front of two small woods known as Inverness Copse and Glencorse Wood, while further south a strong point in Shrewsbury Forest held out against our attacks till the morning of the 1st of August."

Thus briefly Sir Douglas Haig outlines the battle in which the King's men of the 30th Division found themselves involved. The story in close detail is one of confused fighting. The 18th King's, shortly before zero hour, began to move forward in rear of the 2nd Wilts who, it will be remembered, had been detailed as the left attacking battalion of the 21st Brigade. Nos. 1 and 3 Companies of the King's led the way, followed by Nos. 2 and 4 Companies. In Sanctuary Wood considerable confusion occurred. Various bodies of troops, 2nd Wilts., 18th and 19th Manchesters and 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, were met with, all moving up to their positions. The result was that, whereas the two leading companies of the King's maintained direction, the two rear companies were swung off to the left and continued their advance to the west of Stirling Castle towards Surbiton Villas and Clapham Junction, *i.e.*, in the area of the 90th Brigade.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies soon became involved in fighting and gradually pushed forward with their right on Jar Row and their left on the tramway south of Stirling Castle. In Jar Row a portion of No. 1 Company, with some men of the Wilts. and 19th Manchesters, and two sergeant-majors of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, began bombing operations against a German strong point. Advance along Jar Row was held up by German bombs and machine-gun fire, and eventually this mixed party of troops withdrew after suffering heavy casualties. Another strong point south of Stirling Castle was captured by Second-Lieut. W. G. Graham, but the latter was killed later.

The remnants of Nos. 1 and 3 Companies were, as the C.O. of the 18th King's stated: "aligned correctly between Jar Row and the tramway south of Stirling Castle, almost entirely through the energy and bravery of Capt. Heywood. This officer was then wounded by machine-gun fire and the advance came to a standstill. There is no evidence to show at what time this took place, but the barrage was well beyond the line attained. The strong point attacked by these two companies should, according to plan, have been taken by troops detailed to seize the Blue Line. Only one junior officer was left unwounded

[1]The Blue Line. [2]The Black Line.

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and he eventually was found, with some fifty to sixty men, in a trench about J.19.b.5.5. (just south of Stirling Castle) where he had the 19th Battalion Manchester Regiment on his right and 2nd Wilts. in support, and a mixed party from the 89th and 90th Brigades on his left at Stirling Castle."

Meanwhile Nos. 2 and 4 Companies, deviated to the left, became early involved with other troops moving in a north-easterly direction, and cohesion was lost after all the more experienced officers had been killed or wounded. Elements of these two companies reached or crossed the Menin Road at Clapham Junction, others were at Stirling Castle, though this information was not received until the withdrawal of the battalion had taken place.

So obscure was the situation in the front line that the whereabouts of the remnants of Nos. 1 and 3 Companies was not known until 1.30 p.m., when a runner, who had been sent out at 8.10 a.m., returned, and reported the battalion in front of Stirling Copse.

The situation after 9 p.m. on the night of the 31st, as given in the records, stated that Second-Lieut. Futvoye was in command in the front line with Company Sergt.-Major Crosby and some fifty men; about ten men in trenches with the Manchester Regiment. "No news as to whereabouts of the resistance." 31st July

Meanwhile the two battalions of the 79th Brigade detailed to go through and capture the Green Line had, in accordance with orders, moved forward, *i.e.*, 20th King's on the right, 17th King's on the left, to the Promenade on the previous night. Between 5 and 5.20 a.m. on the 31st both battalions marched to forward positions of assembly immediately east of Maple Copse, where they were heavily shelled and suffered a good many casualties. 17th and 20th Battalions 31st July

At 7.50 a.m. they moved forward in artillery formation, all the while under heavy hostile shell-fire, which by now had assumed the character of a heavy barrage.

On approaching the Blue Line it was apparent that the troops in front (21st and 90th Brigades) were held up and were unable to advance beyond it.

A message, sent back from the 20th King's to Brigade Headquarters, stated that the Black Line had not been taken and that companies were digging in on and consolidating a line running south from Stirling Castle. At this period touch had been established with the 17th King's on the left. A few minutes later a message from Brigade Headquarters stated that the barrage was being brought back on Inverness Copse and Jargon and Jap Trenches at *10.20 a.m.* and that the 17th and 20th King's were to co-operate in a further attack. It was obvious that, as the message was not received until 11.6 a.m. and the barrage was ordered for 10.20 a.m., it came too late for compliance.

No further movement was made that day. There is among the documents of the 20th King's a message from the O.C. (covered plentifully with the mud of Flanders) to Brigade Headquarters which says: "Front line now roughly along road south of Clapham Junction . . . Enemy machine-guns very active and any movement in forward positions is at once stopped by machine-gun fire . . . without careful artillery preparation further attacks will be useless. I am therefore holding on to present line."

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The 17th King's had similarly come under heavy shell-fire when in the neighbourhood of Maple Cross, losing the Regimental Sergt.-Major (who was wounded), and Signalling-Sergt. J. D. Rigg (killed). Three signallers and a battalion runner were also wounded. On the forward assembly position Second-Lieut. C. L. Childs was wounded.

The battalion, on arrival at Stirling Castle at 8.40 a.m., received reports that the troops were held up behind the Blue and Black Lines, and the C.O. ordered his men forward with the idea of reinforcing and carrying forward the leading troops to the Black Line.

But it was only when crossing the Stirling Castle Ridge that the 17th King's discovered that no British troops were in front of them. However, they pushed on until the left flank rested on Clapham Junction. There the advance was stopped, companies digging in and holding on to the ground in spite of very heavy shelling from the enemy's forward guns and howitzers. During this shelling Lieut. F. R. Dimond, Second-Lieut. E. N. Godspink and thirty-five other ranks were killed, while Second-Lieuts. C. Bassinghem, L. E. L. York, and 120 other ranks were wounded.

19th Battalion

The 19th King's who, with the 2nd Bedfords, were in Divisional Reserve, had moved from Canal Reserve Camp at 6.30 a.m. to Château Segard, thence to the Promenade, south of Zillebeke Lake, at 10 a.m.

The two battalions were then informed that they were to attack the enemy, and at 4 p.m. the King's men moved forward to Maple Copse. But shortly afterwards the attack was cancelled and the battalion ordered to "stand by." At this time the whole area was being heavily shelled and the battalion took cover in shell holes.

Orders were then received to relieve the 53rd Brigade (18th Division, on the left of the 30th Division). At 10 p.m. the battalion set out on this difficult task. Violent shell-fire was still falling over the whole area, the darkness was intense and the "going" terrible. The way led past the western edge of Zouave Wood, No. 4 Track, and the Hooge–Menin road, all places well-marked by the Boche artillery. Casualties were suffered, one Company Commander and the Medical Officer being among the wounded. The relief was completed some-

1st August

where about 3.30 a.m. on the 1st of August, Battalion Headquarters being established in a tunnel under the Menin Road near Clapham Junction.

The line taken over, as frequently happened when it had been but newly captured, consisted of a series of shell-holes, not consolidated; it was in consequence very difficult to trace. But by 4 a.m. on the 1st of August the 19th King's had established communication with battalions on both flanks. Throughout the day, although every effort was made, it was almost impossible to do any work of real value in consolidating the line. The enemy's shell-fire was intense and the weather conditions abominable; what the Boche guns failed to destroy the rain demolished. The following day showed no improvement: rain fell in torrents and the enemy's artillery continued to be very active. At night parties of Royal Engineers and Pioneers managed to put out a little wire in front of the new line, which gave a greater feeling of security. The 3rd of

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August was a replica of the two previous days, but at night a battalion of the Middlesex Regiment took over the line and the tired 19th King's moved back to Château Segard.

Roll Call on the 4th revealed the full extent of the battalion's losses: eleven other ranks had been killed, Capts. W. M. Docharty, E. B. Hough and G. C. Robinson, R.A.M.C., and Second-Lieut. W. A. Barton and 101 other ranks wounded; sixteen other ranks were missing. On the night of the 4th the 19th King's were back in Ottawa Camp. 4th August

The 17th and 20th Battalions were also relieved on the night of the 3rd/4th August and moved back to Château Segard, thence on the 4th to Ottawa Camp. The 17th King's record the following casualties from the 1st to the 3rd of August: killed, Capt. J. H. Joseph and seventeen other ranks; wounded Second-Lieut. E. Davies and seventy-four other ranks; missing, twelve other ranks.

The 20th Battalion lost during the operations Second-Lieuts. G. G. Nickel and J. W. Simpson and thirty-one other ranks killed; Second-Lieuts. C. Wheater, J. Macmillan, W. Munro, E. J. Argent, J. P. Lunt, J. L. Jones and 149 other ranks wounded; nine other ranks missing and Major C. N. Watson, Capt. J. Warwick, Second-Lieut. J. C. Muir and five other ranks wounded but "at duty."

Of the 18th King's (21st Brigade) there exist only brief reports as to their exact position on the 1st of August. The enemy's shell fire was extremely heavy, drenching rain made the ground almost impassable and no digging could be done. At 9 p.m. on the 2nd the Battalion was ordered to withdraw to Château Segard. In pitch darkness, over tracks thick in slippery mud, and with heavy rain falling, the 18th King's made their way back, reaching their destination at 3 a.m. on the 3rd. Later in the day they marched to Micmac Camp, and on the 4th motor buses carried the battalion to Eecke. 18th Battalion 1st/4th August

Their losses had also been heavy: Second-Lieuts. A. L. Orme, G. H. Copland, L. A. Prendville, A. C. Bigg, F. A. Lane, W. G. Graham, H. L. Stacey and fourteen other ranks had been killed; Capt. R. P. Heywood, Lieut. C. L. Ravenscroft, Second-Lieuts. A. Layfield, F. S. Shaw, J. C. Carbines, E. J. Courtney, J. H. Smith and 177 other ranks wounded; four other ranks died of wounds.

Meanwhile the 55th Division from the Wieltje trenches had attacked the enemy with conspicuous success.

The attack by the division was to be carried out in three stages. At "Zero" the 165th Brigade, on the right, and the 166th Brigade, on the left, were to capture and consolidate the enemy's front system of trenches up to and including the Blue Line, which ran in a north-westerly direction from about two hundred yards west of Grey Ruin to just east of Chedder Villa; at "zero" plus one hour fifteen minutes the 165th and 166th Brigades were to capture and consolidate the enemy's second-line system (Stutzpunkt Line) up to and including the Black Line; at "Zero" plus six hours twenty minutes the 164th Brigade was to pass through the 165th and 166th Brigades on the Black Line and capture and

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consolidate the enemy's third line system (Gheluvelt–Langemarck Line) up to and including the Green Line, and push forward posts to the line Toronto–Aviatik Farm.

1/8th Battalion

Of the 164th Brigade the 1/4th Loyal North Lancs. was the right-front battalion, the 2/5th Lancs. the left-front battalion, the 1/4th Royal Lancasters right-rear battalion, and 1/8th King's left-rear battalion. The two rear battalions were to ensure that the objectives of their respective front battalions were gained.

The 1/8th King's were to "mop up" all enemy defences on the left battalion front as far as Schuler Farm inclusive; as soon as objectives were gained the 1/8th were to become support battalion to the whole brigade front and dig in on the general line Keir Farm–Schuler Farm; they were also to furnish garrisons for four supporting strong points to be constructed by the Royal Engineers and Pioneers, and supply one company to each of the two leading battalions to assist in consolidating the Green Line. Quite enough for one battalion to do!

1/5th, 1/6th, 1/7th, 1/9th Battalions

The 165th Brigade was to capture the Blue Line with the 1/5th King's on the right and the 1/6th on the left; the Black Line was to be captured by the 1/7th King's on the right and 1/9th King's on the left.

1/10th Battalion

The 1/10th King's of the 166th Brigade (on the left of the 165th Brigade) were detailed to assault that part of the Black Line in the Brigade area, the 1/5th North Lancs. having first of all to capture the Blue Line.[1]

30th/31st July

Late on the night of the 30th/31st of July, the 1/5th King's on the right and 1/6th on the left formed up in the assembly trenches opposite Kaiser Bill.

The 31st was a particularly dark morning, and at "Zero" hour (3.50 a.m.) the men experienced the greatest difficulty in keeping proper distance. Both the 1/5th and 1/6th King's advanced well up to the barrage and carried the enemy's front line with little opposition. The records of the operations are, however, disappointing, very little information concerning the actual attack being given.

1/5th Battalion

The 1/5th Battalion Diary disposes of the whole attack in the following words: "Z Day. Battalion attacked at 3.50 a.m. Operation orders attached herewith. Four officers wounded. Casualties other ranks: wounded 105, k/a 26, missing 45."

1/6th Battalion

The 1/6th diarist is very little better: "The battalion attacked in four waves with 1/5th South Lancashires (166th Infantry Brigade) on the left, 1/5th Battalion The King's on our right. The German front and support lines were carried with little trouble, some slight opposition being encountered in the reserve line. This, however, caused no delay, and platoons from "B" and "C" Companies pushed on to the Blue Line and immediately commenced to dig in, strong points being dug, one on the left flank and one in front of Jasper Farm, between Jasper Farm and the Blue Line . . . At 5.5 a.m. the 9th Battalion The King's passed through the Blue Line to attack the Stutzpunkt Line and Pommern Redoubt."

[1]There are no operation orders with the 166th Brigade Headquarters or Battalion Diaries and no "Narrative of Operations" either. The 1/10th records the battle very briefly.

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Neither the 1/5th nor the 1/6th mention the fact that when they reached the Blue Line the enemy's machine-guns were very active from Plum Farm, well beyond the objectives of the two battalions. The Brigade Headquarters Diary records that: "In spite of the fact that our barrage was on the Farm it was at once attacked and captured with the three German machine-guns which it contained. The capture of this strong point before the advance from the Blue Line considerably assisted the subsequent advance of the 7th and 8th King's to the Black Line."

In the attack on the Blue Line the 1/5th had captured about eighty Germans and the 1/6th about one hundred, both battalions reported having seen many dead Germans.

Both the 1/7th and 1/9th King's (right and left battalions respectively detailed to capture the Black Line) record the battle at length.

1/7th Battalion

The 1/7th (Lieut.-Colonel C. K. Potter) left their assembly trenches and advanced across No Man's Land at 4.20 a.m., suffering scarcely any casualties. But they had no light task in crossing the German front-line system. Our guns had created havoc and the ground was much broken up, while among the ruins scattered groups of Germans, overlooked by the leading battalions, had to be rounded up and accounted for. But at 5.15 a.m. the advance began from the Blue Line.

The right company ("A") was the first to be held up. The Boche had a machine-gun and a small number of men in Square Farm which, although just outside the divisional boundary, was effectively dealt with. The "moppers up" of "C" Company had in the meantime occupied Plum Redoubt (Plum Farm) and took up position, two platoons on the line Square Farm—Plum Farm, one platoon in reserve to assist the Royal Engineers in forming a strong point, and one platoon to form a defensive flank in Camel Avenue if necessary.

On the left, "B" Company, after passing through heavy shell and machine-gun fire, crossed the Hanebeek by bridges and entered Pommern Castle from both flanks at 6.5 a.m. A pigeon message was at once sent off giving the situation. The trenches and dug-outs were "mopped up" and touch obtained with the 1/9th King's on the left and 15th Division on the right, though the latter was some way back to the right rear. A party, under Second-Lieut. Leach, was then pushed forward to construct a strong point on Hill 35 (about two hundred yards south of Gallipoli). This party came under severe machine-gun fire, but the strong point was nevertheless established on the north-western side of the ridge. *En route* to the latter, a German field-gun was captured and the enemy, while retreating, was caught by heavy gun fire.

The remainder of "B" Company in Pommern Castle quickly set to work to consolidate the position, the Company Commander (Captain Heaton) taking up his main position on the western side of the Castle. "A" Company, followed by "D" Company,[1] arrived later; Captain Heaton also took command of these

[1]When they joined Captain Heaton only one junior officer was left in these two companies.

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two companies. Supporting points were pushed out about 150 yards east of the main defensive position and occupied at night.

"A" Company had been held up about four hundred yards from their objective by heavy enfilade machine-gun fire. Private Shaw volunteered to take a message to a tank which was operating about six hundred yards to the left. The tank lent assistance and "A" Company gained its objective by 9.30 a.m. The trenches were cleared of the enemy when the latter was seen manning trenches in advance of the captured position. A party of "A" Company then attacked these trenches, taking three German officers and thirty other ranks prisoner; the advanced trench was then held and consolidated.

1/9th Battalion

On the left of the 1/7th, the 1/9th King's (Lieut.-Colonel F. M. Drew) began their advance at 4.30 a.m. Four minutes after "Zero" the enemy's barrage had fallen and not only were several men of the 1/9th hit but a Lewis-gun team was knocked out and the reserve Lewis-gun ammunition blown up—a bad start. The aid post in Pagoda Street had previously been blown up and the wounded had to be dressed in the open trench.

For a long while Battalion Headquarters had no news of what was happening in the front line. At about 7.30 a.m., however, a runner returned bringing messages. Capt. Richards ("C" Company) reported having reached his objective but needed reinforcements; Capt. Roberts ("D" Company) stated that he had crossed the Steenbeke with from six to ten men, and another message arrived immediately after from the first officer, stating that he had reached Bank Farm; Second-Lieut. G. Elderd ("A" Company) reported that he had reached his final objective with seven men. The situation was not reassuring. Battalion Headquarters (1/9th) then crossed No Man's Land, first to Uhlan Farm and then to a dug-out near Jasper Farm. At the latter place a message was received from Second-Lieut. Ellam ("B" Company) saying that he had reinforced Second-Lieut. Elderd with fifty men, and that all were consolidating. A runner then came in with another message that "D" Company, held up by machine-gun fire, was gradually being collected in small parties. The Boche guns (77 mm., 4.2 in., 5.9 in., and 8 in.) were now shelling No Man's Land and as far back as Potijze very heavily. At 9.30 a.m. Second-Lieut. Ebbels ("B" Company) reported the enemy massing on Hill 35. At this period the 164th Brigade, going through to attack the Green Line, began to pass Jasper Farm.

At 11.45 a.m. 165th Brigade Headquarters ordered all available men to be sent up to the Black Line, and that the 1/9th were to be reinforced by two companies of the 1/6th King's.

There are several incidents in the diary of the 1/9th King's, concerning this attack, of real interest. The first concerns a gallant young officer (Lieut. S. S. Faussett of "D" Company) and an equally gallant German machine-gunner. The latter, in order to obtain a better field of fire, had mounted his gun on the roof of a concrete dug-out, from which he raked the ranks of the King's men as they advanced. Seeing the losses suffered from this gun, Lieut. Faussett gallantly led a party against it, but fell dead, shot through the heart,

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though his men were hard pressing the gallant German. A tank arrived and opened fire on the machine-gun, which still continued to fire until at last the brave gunner fell. He was found stretched out dead upon the roof of the dug-out, surrounded by hundreds of empty cartridge cases.

The next incident was that of Second-Lieut. G. Elderd who, with only six men, one of whom was a signaller whose whole armament consisted of a "shutter," attacked the Pommern Redoubt, capturing it and taking about forty prisoners. Another officer—Second-Lieut. Ellam—arrived with "B" Company, and the number of prisoners was increased to about ninety.

At one period the enemy, quite demoralised, could be seen running in crowds over the crest of Hill 35. On the other hand the Boche in places put up a stout resistance. On the left, where consolidation had begun, a party of Germans began bombing the King's men, until Second-Lieut. Randall led an attack on the enemy and beat them off.

At Bank Farm Captain Roberts saw a party of Germans sheltering in a trench: he immediately rushed towards them shouting, as he waved his arm above his head, "Hoch! Hoch! Hoch!" The Boche at once stood up and, putting up their hands, replied "Hoch! Hoch! Hoch!" and surrendered.

During the attack on Pommern Redoubt, Corporal J. Clark discovered a German machine-gun team trying to take their gun out of action: he immediately shot one of the gunners and put the remainder to flight, forcing them to abandon their gun. At the same place Lc./Cpl. J. Marchbank organised a bombing squad and worked his way down a German trench. This little party, consisting of only seven men, took twenty prisoners. Private F. Fowler also displayed great gallantry in bombing the enemy, using German bombs when his own supply was exhausted. Through his efforts at least a dozen prisoners were taken.

Between 11 a.m. and 12 noon companies were reorganised and consolidation had begun on a line from Bank Farm to the Pommern Redoubt. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. this line was heavily shelled by the enemy. Company Headquarters were established in a dug-out at Bank Farm, on the roof of which was the machine-gun which had caused so much trouble. This dug-out had been the headquarters of an artillery officer, believed to be a colonel, who was taken prisoner by Sergeant Williams. A quantity of maps and documents were taken here and were sent back to Brigade Headquarters.

By 4 p.m. 1/9th Battalion Headquarters were established at Plum Farm.

1/10th Battalion

On the left of the 165th Brigade the 1/10th of the 166th Brigade met with little opposition, as their narrative shows: "On July 31st battalion took part in an attack on the enemy's position east of Wieltje, in conjunction with brigades etc., on either flank."

"At 'zero' hour (3.30 a.m.) the 1/5th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, under cover of artillery and machine-gun barrage, advanced and easily secured their objective—the Blue Line.

This battalion (1/10th) by companies moved from assembly trenches in small columns to the Blue Line and, whilst waiting for the barrage to lift,

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reorganised. Keeping close to the barrage, companies advanced steadily and met with little opposition until the Steenbeek had been crossed, when heavy machine-gun and rifle fire was encountered. The battalion's objective, *i.e.*, the Blue Line, was ultimately secured with the aid of the tanks, which put out of action the machine-guns (firing from Capricorn Trench) which had held up the advance. The work of consolidation was proceeded with, the enemy's snipers meanwhile being very active and causing many casualties . . . During the day on several occasions the enemy attempted to mass for counter-attack, but each time was dispersed by our artillery fire. Heavy rain set in and continued throughout the night."

The Blue and Black Lines captured, the 164th Brigade then advanced to attack the Green Line. The 1/8th King's (Liverpool Irish) had, as previously stated, been detailed as the left rear battalion in the Brigade attack, their duties being (*a*) to "mop up" all enemy defences as far as Schuler Farm inclusive; (*b*) become support battalion to the whole Brigade front and dig in on the general line Keir Farm–Schuler Farm; (*c*) furnish garrisons for support strong points; and (*d*) supply one company to each of the two leading battalions to assist in consolidating the Green Line.

1/8th Battalion

The 1/8th Battalion (less "C" Company and two platoons of "D" Company which were attached to the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers as "moppers up") began to move forward in small columns (artillery formation) from the Congreve Walk —Liverpool Trench line at 8.30 a.m. on the 31st.

While the 1/8th were in their concentration area, before the battle began, the C.O. issued a message to all ranks of his battalion. This message was typical of the feeling then in France and Flanders and, from an historical point of view, parts of it are of considerable interest to the regiment. Colonel Heath's message, prompted no doubt by similar messages received from the divisonal and brigade commanders, contained the following: "I desire once more to remind all ranks that they are fighting not only to break down the vaunted might of Germany and the militarism of Prussia, which have brought so much trouble to the world during the past three years, but that each one is also fighting for the freedom of mankind, for the security of his home, for the safety of his mother, sisters, sweetheart, wife, daughter, and of all else that he holds dear and sacred."

Another paragraph of the same message reads: "Let the name of the Liverpool Irish go down to posterity as a glorious and imperishable name: the name of a Regiment in which each one nobly did his duty on this great occasion."

The advance of the 1/8th from the Congreve Walk–Liverpool Trench line was over bad ground and "the going was difficult"; numerous trenches and other obstacles had to be negotiated and the maintenance of formation was no easy task. Up to the Blue Line, however, there was little loss in formation. In the neighbourhood of Bosshert Farm the enemy's artillery barrage was very heavy, and many casualties were suffered as well as slight disorganisation. This fire was responsible for loss of direction by two platoons of "B" Company, who

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moved to Vanheule Farm, where they remained for some hours under the command of the 118th Brigade (39th Division).

The advance to the Black Line was well carried out and according to programme, and the records of the 165th and 166th Brigades mention the time as about 10 a.m. when the 164th Brigade passed through to attack the Green Line.

One officer of the 1/8th stated that "Everyone was in the best of spirits and the men 'went over' singing."

The 1/8th, however, no sooner passed the Black Line than they came under very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and losses were numerous. The machine-gun fire in particular was of a deadly character and appeared to come from the high ground in the neighbourhood of Somme and Hindu Cott, and from the direction of Schuler Farm and from the left front. The leading columns, nevertheless, were well up to the allotted time, the reinforcements having to wait some minutes as the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers were ahead of the time allotted for the first lift of the barrage. It was during this pause that several officers, in spite of the fact that they wore privates' uniforms, were hit by snipers concealed in a row of trees.

At 10.10 a.m., opening into extended order, the battalion began its advance behind the Lancashire Fusiliers. But now from all directions machine-gun, artillery and rifle fire opened on the King's men. Casualties were heavy and platoons became very depleted in numbers. Still, no check was made in the advance. Most of the dug-outs[1] encountered contained numbers of the enemy who, as the King's men approached, rifle and bayonet in hand in a threatening attitude, speedily surrendered.

Pond Farm and the trenches in the neighbourhood, Hindu Cott, Border House and dug-outs, were all duly "mopped up" and prisoners and escorts sent to the rear as ordered. The "moppers up" of "D" Company attacked a line of dug-outs, taking some 150 prisoners.

By this time the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers had suffered very heavy casualties, and the larger portion of the Liverpool Irish had been absorbed into the leading waves of the first-named battalion. This was done in order to ensure the taking of the Green Line. But our barrage was very ragged and not dense enough to prevent hostile machine-gun fire; indeed, throughout the whole battle the Boche machine-guns, safely ensconced in concrete emplacements—"pill boxes"—were mainly instrumental in holding up our attacks.

On the eastern side of a road running from south-east to north-west and west of Schuler Farm, the Boche had built a concrete gallery with concrete machine-gun emplacements branching off on the western side. They had not been damaged by our artillery fire, neither had the wire west of them been cut. In these emplacements and Schuler Farm the enemy was putting up a strenuous resistance. The leading waves of the attack were held up, but eventually the

[1] "The enemy dug-outs were everywhere found to be made with ferro-concrete, exceptionally strong, and, with few exceptions, undamaged by our preparatory artillery fire."—*Battalion Diary*.

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emplacements were taken by a determined attack, a number of the enemy being killed and many captured. The Farm, however, still held out though Winnipeg, north-west of it, had been taken. An attack on Schuler Farm was then organised and three parties rushed the place, capturing more Germans.

The records state no time, but the Green Line had at this period been reached, and consolidation had begun where sufficient numbers of the attackers remained. But the enemy's machine-gun and artillery fire had been so heavy that it had reduced the Liverpool Irish to a low figure and caused much disorganisation. The remnants, who had reached their objective, were digging in in the neighbourhood of Schuler Farm and the Kansas Cross–Winnipeg road.

At Battalion Headquarters the situation was not clear; owing to the enemy's heavy fire communications were very bad, for the runners never reached their destination. The C.O. then sent Captain Ward to ascertain the situation. The latter found that only very small parties of the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers had reached the Green Line, and he therefore ordered "B" Company to push forward to Wurst Farm and "D" Company to occupy the Green Line in the neighbourhood of Fokker Farm.

By 12.30 p.m. the general situation was roughly as follows:—A small force of "B" Company (1/8th King's), with the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, were consolidating on the Green Line in the neighbourhood of Wurst Farm, while "D" Company (1/8 Kings) was consolidating the Green Line in the neighbourhood of Fokker Farm, with a few small parties of the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers in the Green Line between these two main positions. All attempts to get into touch with the battalion on the left had failed. The remainder of the 1/8th were digging in near Schuler Farm. On account of heavy enfilade machine-gun fire on Pond Farm, Battalion Headquarters had had to move to Spree Farm.

From 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. the enemy's artillery, directed by his low-flying aeroplanes, very heavily bombarded the whole of the front line. Then at the latter hour, under cover of artillery and machine-gun barrages, he attacked in force, using several battalions. These advanced in from three to six waves, extended approximately to three yards interval.

The party at Wurst Farm, *now reduced to three*, withdrew to the Kansas Cross–Winnipeg road and, after firing on the advancing enemy, fell back again to our positions west of Schuler Farm. With Lewis-gun and rifle fire the remainder of the troops holding the front line inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, but it was obviously impossible to hold on to the Green Line. Moreover, the troops holding the latter now learned that the battalion on the left had its right flank at Border House (some eight hundred yards west of Schuler Farm) and the left flank of the 1/8th was, therefore, "in the air."

At this critical period Major Leech (the commanding officer in the field) arrived and further organised the position for defence, endeavouring to form a defensive flank on the left, bending back to Border House. But sufficient men were not available for this, and before reinforcements could be brought up from

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the Black Line, the enemy counter-attack swept down upon the remnants of the King's men and Lancashire Fusiliers.

There now ensued a desperate fight. Two machine-guns had been brought up and these, supplemented by Lewis-gun and rifle fire, inflicted heavy casualties on the Boche. When all ammunition was expended, and not until then, the survivors of the mixed force at Schuler Farm, now almost surrounded by the enemy, fell back to the Black Line, fighting all the way whenever a little ammunition could be procured. Heavy casualties were sustained from the enemy's artillery fire during this withdrawal.

In Capricorn Trench (just in rear of the Black Line) the remnants of the 1/8th were reorganised by Capt. Jones and Second-Lieut. Fenn (the only remaining officers in addition to Second-Lieut. R. N. Hodson, who had reached the Black Line further south).

On the night of the 31st the 1/8th received orders to return to their original front line, *i.e.* Strand Communication Trench to Wieltje. In this position Captain A. T. Monks took over temporary command of the Battalion and began to reorganise it; the battalion then consisted of Second-Lieuts. J. E. Fenn, R. N. Hodson and some 160 other ranks. On the 2nd this mere handful of officers and men, all that remained of the Liverpool Irish, moved back to billets and camp in the Watou area.

The 1st of August was spent in consolidating the line and in keeping a vigilant watch on the enemy, for he was holding the ridge of Hill 35 overlooking the trenches of the 1/6th and 1/9th Battalions. The guns of both sides were active, but shell fire was less severe than on the 31st of July.

The diary of the 1/9th Battalion states:—"At daybreak parties of men could be seen round two derelict tanks on the crest of Hill 35, but it was uncertain whether these were enemy or men belonging to the 164th Brigade. Rain fell heavily throughout the day and the ground was in very bad condition, especially in the valley of the Steenbeek; the trenches were full of water and the sides beginning to crumble in. The men had had no rest and no shelter, but they were holding on to the position cheerfully. They were, however, being heavily shelled. In the afternoon most welcome supplies arrived from the transport. Headquarters' rations had been lost in coming across No Man's Land, and Headquarters had so far subsisted on one tin of lobster and half a loaf of mouldy German bread discovered in Plum Farm."

During the day Sergeant Griffiths and fifteen men had dug a strong point about two hundred yards in advance of the front line with a view to pushing forward towards the crest of Hill 35, but during the night of the 1st/2nd of August patrols established the fact that the Hill was held by the enemy.

2nd August 1/9th Battalion

The 2nd of August was a day of supreme test in endurance, and the narrative contained in the Diary of the 1/9th King's is worthy to rank with the proudest records of the Regiment:—

"About 5 a.m. a message arrived from the brigade stating that the nucleus at the transport lines was coming up to relieve an equal number of men who were most out, and that guides were to meet them at Uhlan Farm at 9.15 a.m.

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"This was followed by a second message saying that it had been ascertained from a German prisoner that the enemy were determined to recapture the Black Line that morning. This was telephoned on to the front companies; so far there had been no signs of any counter-attack. Two signallers were on duty night and day at Battalion Headquarters to watch for the S.O.S. from the front line. There were no signs of movement on Hill 35 but the shelling was still heavy. It was raining hard and the mud made all movement exceedingly difficult. The valley of the Steenbeek was deep in mud and water, in many places up to the waist, and was continually barraged by the enemy, the majority of the shells appearing to come from the direction of Zonnebeke, enfilading all this area from the south. The men were quite worn out, taking what cover they could under their oil sheets. The trenches were in places over the knees in water and falling in. There had been a good many casualties from shell-fire, and snipers were busy on our right flank, sniping at us as we stood near the entrances to the dug-outs at Bank Farm. There were also great difficulties with regard to the evacuation of the wounded. Many of the wounded had been lying at Pommern Redoubt for forty-eight hours and had not yet been dressed. Lieut. G. W. Harrison was working night and day at Plum Farm, where about thirty cases were awaiting evacuation and new cases were continually coming in.

"Our own regimental stretcher bearers were working magnificently, but the work of evacuation was beyond their powers. Some R.A.M.C. bearers appeared to have been sent up but did not arrive at Pommern Redoubt. Second-Lieut. N. Lees, with some runners, went to Uhlan Farm to meet the fresh men from the transport at 9.15 a.m. and to send them up to the front line in small parties. The enemy was now shelling the whole area between Uhlan Farm and Pommern Redoubt very heavily, and these parties suffered some casualties on their way up. Shortly after midday a message arrived from the brigade saying that a German prisoner had given the information that the Germans were determined to recapture the Black Line the same day at all costs. All units were to send up all their fresh men to support the 7th and 8th King's Regiments in the front line. A second message followed saying that the brigade would shortly be relieved.

"The shelling was now intense. The reinforcements from the transport were posted in the new trench and the men who had suffered most were withdrawn to Captain Trench, a short distance in rear. All the men were warned to be ready to meet a counter-attack and to clean their rifles as well as they could. The 7th King's were holding Pommern Castle on our right, but were quite unable to get into touch with anyone on their right flank. It was now evident that the division on our right had retired. A report came in that a German machine-gun had got round in rear of the 7th King's. The situation on the left flank was obscure. In the meantime the enemy was massing east of Hill 35; his movements could not have been seen from our front line but were watched by observers at Uhlan Farm.

"At 12.40 p.m. the Germans started to advance and all our guns had opened out, and both heavy and field artillery were putting a tremendous

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barrage along the crest of Hill 35. The appearance of our men had completely changed on the arrival of the fresh draft from the transport, about sixty strong; our tremendous artillery barrage in front, and the prospect of immediate action after merely hanging on for so long in the mud and rain, had put new life into them and everyone was cheerful and happy, and it was evident that no one intended giving up the positions that we had won. Most of the rifles were quite unserviceable owing to the mud, and there were no cleaning materials wherewith to clean them. The Lewis-guns had been taken into a dug-out and cleaned as well as was possible under the circumstances. The Trench-Mortar Officer reported that he had only fifteen rounds of ammunition, and that these were wet and useless. Machine-guns had been placed in a position to bring cross fire to bear upon the enemy immediately he appeared on Hill 35. It was clear that our chief hope in resisting a counter-attack lay in these and in the bayonet. Twice the enemy advanced, but each time he was crushed by our artillery fire before reaching the top of Hill 35, and we saw nothing beyond a few isolated parties. The Germans still kept up a very heavy barrage between our front line and Plum Farm. We now received information that we were to be relieved the same night by the 9th Royal Irish Rifles. That evening we buried as many of our dead as we could. Late in the evening the relieving battalion arrived, and by the early morning the relief was complete."

But for these gallant fellows the cup of misery was not yet full. They moved back to Congreve Walk in small parties, rain falling in torrents all the while. So tired were they that they could hardly lift their feet from the heavy clinging soil. Tea and rum were then issued, but hour after hour, with little or no shelter from the persistent rain, the battalion waited for orders which never came. The guns had started moving forward to new positions and the Boche artillery began to shell them, a shell falling in the midst of a group of King's men, killing three and wounding several more. All through the morning and afternoon of the 3rd the worn-out officers and men waited, and then between 5 and 6 p.m. the news was received that motor buses were to meet the battalion at Vlamertinghe. So once again all ranks got on the move. Many poor fellows could hardly walk, and indeed some thirty men had to be sent to hospital immediately, utterly exhausted. 3rd August

About 12.30 a.m. on the morning of the 4th the survivors of this gallant battalion went off in motor buses for the Watou area. But about three kilometres from their billets the King's men were put down and had to walk the remainder of the way. Terrible indeed was that picture of a battalion coming back from battle. Wet through, cold, utterly worn out, and covered with mud from head to foot, it was impossible to keep any kind of formation, and in groups of twos and threes the men staggered along to their billets. 4th August

Well indeed did they deserve the following message which the Brigadier sent them during the following day: "Will you please congratulate all ranks of your battalion on the great gallantry they displayed during the recent operations. They not only captured all their objectives, but also helped other troops to capture theirs. The magnificent way in which they captured the position and

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held it against all counter-attacks makes me very proud to have such a battalion in my brigade."

Of the three other battalions of the King's of the 165th Brigade (1/5th, 1/6th and 1/7th) only the 1/6th make any reference to the horrible conditions in the line during the 2nd of August and throughout the 3rd. Yet all battalions suffered from the rain and mud and filth, and when they also reached the Watou area were in a similar condition to that of the 1/9th Battalion.

The 164th and 166th Brigades were also relieved during the 2nd/3rd of August and moved back to Watou and neighbourhood.

In this, the first of the Battles of Ypres, 1917, the King's men of the 55th Division lost heavily.

The casualties of the 1/5th on the 31st of July have already been given, but several more were wounded on the 1st and 2nd of August.

The 1/6th Battalion lost Capt. A. Balmforth, Second-Lieuts. H. P. Robinson, E. S. Griffin and 29 other ranks killed; Lieut. G. B. Burton was wounded and died of wounds; Lieuts. R. R. Rathbone and W. G. Offey, and Second-Lieut. J. Paton and 145 other ranks were wounded; Second-Lieut. J. P. Grove and 40 other ranks were missing.

Of the 1/7th Battalion only the casualties in other ranks were obtainable from the records, *i.e.*, 32 killed, 143 wounded, 20 missing.

The 1/9th, who went into action with 16 officers and 566 other ranks, lost Lieut. S. S. Faussett and 44 other ranks killed; Second-Lieut. J. F. Hickson died of wounds; Second-Lieut. Dey wounded and missing; Second-Lieuts. Randall, Rawcliffe, White, Towle and 193 other ranks wounded and 6 other ranks missing; Second-Lieuts. Henry and Ellam were both sent down sick.

The Rev. W. D. Greene, Padre of the 1/9th Battalion, was killed on the 31st near Mill Cotts while dressing a wounded man. He was then on his way up to Plum Farm with cigarettes for the men.

The 1/8th King's (Liverpool Irish) were the heaviest losers. Major H. Leach, Captains H. S. Duder, F. E. Bodel, F. S. Ward, Lieut. E. F. G. Orchard, Second-Lieuts. F. A. Wray and D. J. B. McCabe and 27 other ranks were killed; Captain J. F. Jones, Lieut. C. W. Toms and Second-Lieuts. B. E. Robinson, C. G. Field, H. Marsden, R. L. Davies, F. J. Wright, E. F. Lynch, C. J. Howell, S. Rothwell and 190 other ranks were wounded; Second-Lieut. A. S. Harris (reported "believed killed") and 87 other ranks were missing; in all a total of 18 officers and 304 other ranks.

The 1/10th Battalion (Liverpool Scottish) lost Second-Lieuts. L. W. Fox, A. Gledsdale, H. L. Fairbairn and 32 other ranks killed; Captains L. G. Wall, J. A. Roddick, Lieut. W. E. Philpots and Second-Lieuts. G. H. Turnbull, J. B. Clements, R. V. Clark, C. Elliott, V. G. H. Wallace, T. Cornes and 156 other ranks wounded and 17 other ranks missing.

They lost also their gallant Medical Officer—Capt. M. G. Chavasse, V.C., M.C., R.A.M.C.—who, wounded on the 2nd of August, died of his wounds on the 4th—a very great loss to the 1/10 Battalion.

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(ii) THE BATTLE OF LANGEMARCK, 1917: 16TH–18TH AUGUST

At the close of the Battle of Pilkem the Ypres Salient was dreadful to behold. For nearly three years the guns of both sides had pulverised the ground, completely changing the face of nature. Fields, roads, tracks, hedgerows and woods had been lashed so frequently by the ceaseless storm of shells which fell upon them that gradually the whole place had lost all semblance to what is generally known as countryside. There was a horrible sameness about the whole place which made one shudder. And now, rain had come again to turn the low-lying clayey soil into a succession of vast muddy pools; shell holes were filled with water, foul and noisome; the valleys became choked, overflowing streams speedily transforming long stretches of ground into almost impassable bog. Here and there, stretching up through the sodden ground, were the bare stumps of trees, long since shorn of their boughs.

The operations of the 31st July–2nd August had pushed our line forward a considerable distance. On the Second Army Front, Hollebeke and the difficult ground north of the bend in the Ypres–Comines Canal, and east of Battle Wood, had been won; between these two points our line had been advanced from two hundred to eight hundred yards. The whole of the crest of the Westhoek Ridge had been gained and we were on the western outskirts of the village itself. North of Westhoek we had taken the enemy's second line as far as St. Julien, while north again of that village the advance had passed beyond the German second line, and we held the line of the Steenbeek to our junction with the French north-west of the Ypres–Staden railway.

In the valley of the Steenbeek the ground was almost at its worst. The new line we had captured had to be consolidated, and what that meant on ground where one struck water immediately a spade was thrust into it, only those who were there know.

A few tracks existed—duck-boarded by the faithful Pioneers and Royal Engineers of all divisions—but they quickly became death traps, for the Boche guns had marked them down, and to leave them was to risk death by drowning.

Under these conditions an immediate continuance of the operations became impossible and we were forced to wait until fine weather again favoured us, and the ground dry enough to permit the movement of troops, guns and transport. *Our* misfortune reacted in favour of the enemy, who was enabled to recover from the disorganisation of our first attack and bring up reinforcements.

Towards the middle of August there was a slight improvement in the weather, of which advantage was taken to launch the second attack east of Ypres.

At 4.45 a.m. on the 16th of August we again attacked the enemy, the front on this occasion extending from the north-western corner of Inverness Copse to our junction with the French south of St. Janshoek; the French were clearing up the remainder of the Bixshoote peninsula. 16th August

Two battalions of the King's Regiment were concerned in this attack, *i.e.*, the 11th King's (Pioneers of the 14th Division) in reserve during the operations, and the 12th King's of the 20th Division who attacked Langemarck.

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11th Battalion

The 11th Battalion throughout the whole of July was at work on the Oostterverne Line and Ridge Defences, and it was the 8th of August before the Pioneers (having first marched to a camp about two kilometres north-east of Hazebrouck on the 6th) marched to Dickebusch, relieving the Pioneers of the 25th Division.[1]

Captain Paget (of the 11th King's), however, gives a pen picture of the battle area about the Menin road on the 18th, on which date the Pioneers moved up for work.

"The Camp (Dickebusch) had one bomb near it last night (17th) which sent bits through our bivouacs. Fortunately we were lying low on Mother Earth. Shelling on both sides throughout the night. Up at 4 a.m. I marched with H—— and brigade details at 5 a.m. Lovely clear morning, aeroplanes about. Went *via* Shrapnel Corner and Kruisstraat, by a plank road, to our new headquarters at Halfway House Tunnel dug-outs, passing the first work the battalion ever did in 1915. This track is very expressive of war, constructed of sleepers, built in ground through which for more than a mile there is not a square yard without a shell-hole, not a blade of grass—nothing but mud everywhere. Along both sides of the track is a line of smashed and overturned limbers, wagons, damaged material, dead horses, and an awful smell of decay and dirt over everything. During recent operations someone must have had a very bad time about this Warrington Road area. This is the route up which the battalion went in August 1915. Reached headquarters 6.15 a.m. just as the enemy began to shell, and until 2 p.m. shelling was continuous with 5.9 in. and 8 in., with unpleasant accuracy on our headquarters, and a battery near by which had recently been most effectively knocked out and the dump blown up, but still had shells in it. We are in a deep, large dug-out of British make, holding up to 3,000 men on July 31st for the "push." Being below the level of Zillebeke Lake, water drains in and a petrol motor pump is constantly at work; the same motor makes the electric light supply. If the water rises too high the engine, pump and light fail, and it becomes a case of 'all hands to the pump.' All the afternoon shelling has continued, mainly with 4.2 in. howitzers. The only way to leave the dug-out is to wait near the top, choose your time, and then dash for it hell for leather for the open country. The dug-out is always about one foot deep in water, stinks of rot and fungus, and is full of loathsome, sleepy flies . . . The dug-out is, however, shell proof which is as well, as it has to-day received some thirty direct hits."

12th Battalion

The 12th King's left the Somme area in July. On the 1st they marched from Bihucourt to Achiet-le-Grand, where they entrained for Candas. At the latter village they took over billets and trained until the 20th, when they marched to Doullens Station and entrained for the Proven area.

The battalion reached Godwhersvelde Station at 3.30 a.m. on the 21st and thence marched to camp in the Proven area, where training again took place until the end of the month. On the 31st the King's men marched to a

[1]On the 18th of July Second-Lieut. T. W. Hardiman was killed.

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new camp where training was carried out. A series of moves followed, first to bivouacs near Elverdinghe, thence to the Canal bank (Yser Canal) in reserve, and to "H" Camp. On the 14th of August the battalion moved to Malakoff Farm Camp, and it was here that operation orders were received for the 12th King's to take part in an attack on Langemarck which the 20th Division was launching on the 16th, as part of the principal operations taking place on that date.

The division was to attack with the 60th Brigade on the right and the 61st Brigade on the left. Of the latter the 7th Somerset (right) and 7th K.O.Y.L.I. (left) were to capture the first and second objectives (Blue and Green Lines respectively), while the 12th King's (right) and 7th D.C.L.I. (left) were to capture the Red Line as their objective. The first objective ran along the line of the road on the southern and western exits of Llangemarck; the second objective was a south-east to north-west line beyond the north-eastern outskirts of the village; the third objective was the line of German trenches which ran from south-west of White House, thence curving in a north-westerly direction round Schrieboom to the line of the Ypres–Staden railway, north-east of Langemarck.

At 9 p.m. on the night of the 15th of August the 12th King's moved up to their assembly positions on the western side of the Steenbeek. Their orders stated that before "Zero" they were to move across the stream to the eastern bank and form up on taped lines. This was done, both the King's and the D.C.L.I. being in position by "Zero" hour plus fifteen minutes. 15th August

The hour which preceded "Zero" passed very quietly. At 4.45 a.m. the barrage fell with a crash, with such accuracy and efficiency that it was actually a curtain of fire. The advancing waves of infantry, however, were immediately caught by machine-gun fire from the right flank, where a concrete "pill box"—Au Bon Gite—had weathered the effects of our shell fire. There were also several more of these concrete "pill boxes" on the left in front of Reitres Farm, which for the time being held up the K.O.Y.L.I. on that flank.

These "pill boxes" were miniature forts. Owing to the difficulty in making deep dug-outs in soil where the water lay within a few feet of the ground surface, the enemy had resorted to the construction of these small forts, utilising ruined farms and buildings where possible, and where there were no available buildings, "pill boxes" with reinforced concrete. They were ingenious constructions, the walls being many feet thick and quite strong enough to resist shell-fire. They had long, oblong slits through which machine-guns could be trained on the line of approach.

"These field forts," said Sir Douglas Haig in his despatches, "distributed in depth all along the front of our advance, offered a serious obstacle to progress. They were heavily armed with machine-guns and manned by men determined to hold on at all costs. Many were reduced as our troops advanced, but others held out throughout the day and delayed the arrival of our supports."

The capture of these strongholds was mostly left to the "moppers up," the attacking troops advancing meanwhile to their objectives.

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The Blue and Green Lines having fallen to the Somerset and K.O.Y.L.I., the 12th King's and the 7th D.C.L.I. then began their advance to the Red Line.

The King's men, having already moved up close behind the Blue Line, began their advance towards the Green Line at "Zero" plus one hour thirty minutes (or 6.15 a.m.). But the ground was in a terrible condition and the "going" so bad that it was found necessary to discard a considerable part of the battle equipment to enable the battalion to reach the Green Line in time to take part in the attack on the Red Line. The Boche guns had opened fire and his machine-gun fire from the north was heavy: there was, as a result, some disorganisation in the King's. The reserve company lost all its officers before reaching the Green Line, and this company then merged into the front-line companies, carrying with it the only other battalion reserve (two sections of bombers and one Lewis-gun section).

There was not much resistance and the Red Line was captured up to time, consolidation beginning immediately; but early in the afternoon the O.C. right company of the King's saw a considerable force of the enemy moving through a gap in the line of the battalion on his right. The enemy surrounded the position of the battalion on the right and then advanced with the obvious intention of getting round the right flank of the King's. The only way out of the difficulty was for the company commander to retire his right, which he did, that flank falling back some two hundred yards. He then informed the C.O. of what had happened, and the latter ordered the O.C. company to get into touch immediately with the battalion on the right. To do this entailed a further retirement of two hundred yards on the right, as well as an extension of his line for some 150 yards. The movement was, however, carried out and touch obtained, the enemy's efforts being thus frustrated.

At 12 midnight Lieut.-Colonel Vince (commanding 12th King's) visited the front line and found it intact, but at about 2 a.m. on the 17th, for some unexplained reason, the centre company suddenly vacated its position in the Red Line and fell back. All the company officers and the Company-Sergt.-Major had become casualties, and the sergeant in command was wounded during the day, all other senior N.C.Os. being either killed or wounded, so that the reason for the retirement could not be discovered. The enemy then re-occupied that portion of the Red Line vacated by the centre company of the King's. The latter, however, had by daylight been placed in position with the right company. The left company swung back its right flank and formed a protective flank for the D.C.L.I. on the left. This left a short gap between the left and centre companies.

17th August

During the afternoon (17th) the O.C. 12th King's received orders to attempt (in conjunction with the brigade on his right) to regain that portion of the Red Line which had been lost. This attack gained ground about 250 yards to the front, which was held and consolidated, but the whole of the portion of the Red Line which had been lost was not recaptured; only the left company reported that, acting under the orders of the O.C. 7th D.C.L.I., it had retaken its original position in the Red Line.

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On the night of the 17th/18th of August the 12th King's were relieved by the 15th Royal Welch Regiment and marched back to Malakoff Farm area. Their losses had been very heavy: 4 officers and 41 other ranks were killed, 7 officers and 230 other ranks were wounded, and 34 other ranks were missing. 18 prisoners were captured by the Battalion.

An interesting point in the method of the enemy's defence during the battle came to light. It was observed that he had adopted a system of elastic defence. His forward trenches were held only in sufficient strength to disorganise an attack, the bulk of his forces being kept in close support ready to deliver a powerful and immediate blow in an endeavour to recover his lost positions before our troops could consolidate them. This system of an "elastic defence" was, however, soon abandoned by the enemy.

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Wet weather prevailed throughout the remainder of August, nevertheless a number of small operations took place east and north-east of Ypres for the purpose of reducing certain of the most important of the enemy's strong points or "pill boxes." On the 19th, 22nd, and 27th of August positions of considerable local importance were captured in the neighbourhood of St. Julien.

In conjunction with the attack of the 22nd, troops of the 14th Division attacked astride the Menin road and, after six days of continuous local fighting, established themselves on the northern edge of Inverness Copse.

11th Battalion 23rd/24th August

The Pioneers (11th King's) "stood to" on the first day of the attack, and on the 23rd and 24th their hopes ran high, as there was a chance of a fight with the enemy. They were, however, "not required" (to use the words in their diary), but they did good work on the 25th in evacuating the wounded from Hooge, when two hundred men were sent up to assist the sorely-tried R.A.M.C. Captain F. E. Long was killed at Hooge whilst reconnoitring his company's work. On the 24th the battalion was relieved and moved back to Wippenhoek, where the remainder of the month was spent.

(iii) THE BATTLE OF THE MENIN ROAD RIDGE: 20TH–25TH SEPTEMBER

"At the beginning of September," said Sir Douglas Haig, "the weather gradually improved, and artillery and other preparations for my next attack proceeded steadily. Both the extent of the preparations required, however, and the need to give the ground time to recover from the heavy rain of August, rendered a considerable interval unavoidable before the new advance could be undertaken. The 20th of September was therefore chosen for the date of our attack, and before that day our preparations had been completed."

The front selected for the attack extended from the Ypres–Comines Canal, just north of Hollebeke, to the Ypres–Staden Railway north of Langemarck—a distance of just over eight miles. The average depth of the operations was one thousand yards, widening to the depth of a mile in the neighbourhood of the Menin Road.

"Zero" hour for the attack was fixed at 5.40 a.m.

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The particular sectors of the front of special interest to the King's Regiment were the Reutelbeek sector (south of the Polygon Wood) into which the 4th King's of the 33rd Division moved on the 24th of September; the line immediately south-east of St. Julien (from which the King's men of the 55th Division, as well as other troops of that division, attacked the enemy at "Zero" hour), and the Langemarck sector in which the 12th Battalion (20th Division) were in support on the 23rd of September.

4th Battalion 24th September

The King's men of the 55th Division were, however, the only battalions of the regiment which went forward to the attack at "zero" hour.

After the Battle of Pilkem the 55th Division had been relieved, and the three brigades moved back to the Tournehem–Recques–Nordausques area for training. The remainder of August and the first fortnight of September were thus spent, until finally, on the night of the 13th/14th, the 166th Brigade relieved troops of the 61st Division in the front line from the Zonnebeke Stream (south divisional boundary) to about 1,200 yards east of St. Julien.

13/14th September

The 1/10th King's (Liverpool Scottish) relieved the 2/6th Gloucesters, two companies taking over the front line and two the support line. The front line was still in a somewhat sketchy condition consisting of captured concrete dug-outs and gun pits with a line of posts formed of connected shell-holes. On the night of the 15th "V" Company sent out a strong patrol to reconnoitre the enemy's posts on the Hannebeke and also, if possible, capture them. The attempt was unsuccessful, as was a second made the following night. On the night of the 17th the two supporting companies of the 1/10th were relieved and moved back to "L.4 Post" near Ypres—wherever that was.

1/10th Battalion

On the 16th, 55th Divisional Operation Orders were issued. These stated that the 165th Brigade (with the 1/5th North Lancs. attached) was to attack on the right, and the 164th Brigade (with 1/5th King's Own attached) on the left; the 166th Brigade (less two battalions) to remain in reserve.

The 165th Brigade was to attack with the 1/7th King's on the right and the 1/9th King's on the left; the 1/5th and 1/6th King's right and left support respectively.

1/5th, 1/6th, 1/7th, 1/9th Battalions

There were three objectives: Red Line, Dotted Line, Yellow and Green Lines. The 1/7th and 1/9th were to capture the Red and Yellow Lines, and the 1/5th and 1/6th the Green Line. Every effort was to be made to capture Hill 37. Other strong points to which particular attention was to be paid were Gallipoli, Hill 35 (Lens), Iberian, Delva and Capitol.

Of the 164th Brigade the 1/8th King's were to attack on the extreme left of the brigade front. Two objectives were allotted to the Liverpool Irish (i) the Red dotted line including trenches and strong points on the extreme left, and Schuler Galleries; (ii) the Green Line which included Schuler Farm and a small portion of ground to eastward.

1/8th Battalion

In continuation of previous moves which began on the night of the 17th/18th of September, all units of the 55th Division closed up on the night of the 19th/20th of September into their final assembly positions for the attack. The move up of leading battalions to the positions of deployment was well

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carried out, in spite of great difficulties. The night was very dark, rain was falling heavily, and the front of deployment was an ill-defined line of shell holes. Nevertheless all units were in position before "Zero" hour. The success of this movement was due not only to very careful reconnaissance beforehand, and to the way in which the flanks of platoons were marked by notice boards and tape, but also to previous practice in night deployment whilst out of the line in training.

20th September

At "Zero" on the 20th (5.40 a.m.) our barrage opened on the enemy's front line, and the leading waves of the assaulting troops moved forward to the attack. Almost immediately the enemy opened with a 4.2 in. and 5.9 in. barrage, which fell on our front line.

1/7th Battalion

The 1/7th King's, right battalion of the 165th Brigade, and also the Divisional right flank, had formed up in four waves, "B" Company on the right, "C" on the left, "A" in rear of "B" and "D" in rear of C," the right flank of the battalion resting on the Zonnebeke Stream. Two objectives were allotted to the battalion: (i) a line running through Iberian, Irma and Kaynorth to the Zonnebeke; (ii) a line running roughly north and south (and including) Delva Farm. "B" and "C" Companies were to go straight through to the second objective, "A" and "D" to the first.

At "Zero" the leading waves of the battalion advanced as close under the barrage as possible, followed by the rear waves. Almost immediately violent machine-gun fire broke out from Kaynorth, Iberian and Hill 35, and the King's men suffered casualties.

Progress was terribly difficult. No Man's Land was literally a mass of shell-holes, mostly full of water, which in places overlapped one another: the ground was deep in viscous mud which clung to the boots of the attackers and made the "going" very hard. The result was that lines and waves became mixed. The first waves were held up by Iberian and Kaynorth, which comprised a number of reinforced concrete dug-outs, *i.e.* "Pill Boxes." The supporting waves pushed on and reinforced the leading waves. The platoons detailed to take the strong points failed, as the enemy's cross machine-gun fire was heavy and prevented progress. Being on higher ground the most bitter fighting took place around the strong point Iberian. Several attempts to rush it had failed, and it was not until 6.45 a.m. that, with the assistance of Lewis-guns, rifle grenades and bombs and machine-guns, it was finally stormed. About the same time Kaynorth was taken, assistance being lent in the capture of that strong point by South Africans of the 9th Division, on the right of the 55th.

By 7 a.m. the first objective (Red dotted line) on this front had been captured by the 1/7th King's and consolidation had begun. The two leading companies then reorganised and advanced on the second objective. The advance was only feebly contested, and by 8.30 a.m. Delva Farm and a north and south line just east of it was captured, two strong points being constructed, one at the Farm and the other between that place and the Zonnebeke stream.

At about 5.30 p.m. the enemy shelled the 1/7th, and a counter-attack threatened but did not materialise.

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1/9th Battalion

On the left of the 1/7th King's the 1/9th Battalion similarly found great difficulty in getting across the shell-pitted ground, having indeed to "jump off" from a shell-crater line. The Battalion Diary of the 1/9th King's states that "The enemy did not hold a continuous front line, but had placed strong garrisons and plenty of machine-guns with enfilading areas of fire in the strongly concreted 'pill boxes,' which were echeloned in depth." This was a new system of defence adopted by the enemy as a counter-measure to the British wave formation of attack.

The 1/9th advanced in four waves (each company forming a wave) in the following order: "B," "A," "C," "D,"

Hill 35, Lens, and Gallipoli were in the area attacked by the 1/9th Battalion.

On the right, opposition from Lens held up the battalion for several minutes, but under cover of rifle grenades the King's men advanced in short rushes, from shell crater to shell crater, and eventually approached close enough to surround it when the German garrison, numbering thirty, surrendered. A field gun was also captured.

On the left, the advance on Gallipoli was proceeding.

At Hill 35, however, the right of the battalion was held up until the 1/6th King's came up and reinforced the line; headway was then made.

Turning again to the left of the 1/9th Battalion, keeping close under the barrage, the King's men met with and captured a strong point which consisted of a block-house about 150 yards to the north of Gallipoli. The garrison was killed and two machine-guns taken. The attack then pressed forward, led by Captain R. C. Wilde.

Gallipoli was next attacked, but here again opposition was heavy. The German garrison holding this strong point was evidently determined to defend it to the last. On top of the concrete dug-out a stout-hearted machine-gunner had mounted his gun and for some reason or other, probably excitement, he could not be brought down. The enemy withheld his fire until the King's men were but sixty yards away, then he swept their ranks with machine-gun fire. Despite this, however, the 1/9th pressed on until they reached the strong point. Violent hand-to-hand fighting now took place and, to quote from the Battalion Diary: "it is pleasing to note that the bayonet was freely used."

Having suffered very heavy casualties, the garrison of Gallipoli surrendered to the King's men, when thirty prisoners and four machine-guns were taken. Consolidation of the position was then ordered.

First from the Somme, and later from Gallipoli, Lieut.-Colonel Drew (commanding the 1/9th King's) had witnessed the fine fighting by his battalion. At about 12 noon he returned to his headquarters at Bank Farm, where a few minutes before his arrival the signallers had succeeded, after heroic efforts, in establishing communication with Brigade Headquarters. The C.O. was thus enabled to confer with the Brigadier whom he told that, with a battalion, he could secure the Green Line; first two companies, and afterwards the remaining two companies of the 1/5th South Lancs. were placed under Colonel Drew's

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orders and when, two hours later, they advanced, they captured and consolidated Hill 37.

A message then reached Colonel Drew that the C.O. of the 1/6th King's had been wounded, and the former was ordered to take over command of the left sector of the brigade front, including command of the 5th Loyal North Lancs.

About 5 p.m. the brigade sent a message that men were seen retiring from Hill 35, and Captain E. H. G. Roberts, with Regimental Sergt.-Major Roberts was ordered to go forward and deal with the situation. But action on their part was unnecessary, for at Hill 35, at Lens, and at Gallipoli the men were standing cheerfully to their posts and had no intention of retiring.

At about 5.30 p.m. the Boche put down a very heavy barrage of all calibres. On Gallipoli the fire was particularly intense. The enemy then advanced, but his attack was broken up by artillery and machine-gun fire. One party of Germans was observed carrying a stretcher and a white flag: they frequently adopted this device in bringing up a machine-gun, and fire was concentrated on them and they were all shot down.

20th/21st September

During the night of the 20th/21st two companies of the 1/10th King's were placed at the disposal of the C.O. 1/9th Battalion; they were detailed to protect the left flank of the 165th Brigade.

In the meantime the two supporting battalions of the brigade, *i.e.*, 1/5th King's and 1/6th King's, on the right and left respectively, had advanced to the attack.

1/5th Battalion

The 1/5th record their actions on the 20th in the following brief words: "Z day. The battalion attacked at 5.40 a.m., passing through 7th King's and taking Green Line, consolidating this position which ran from Hill 37, on left, to Zevencote, on right." The information thus given is somewhat misleading, for the 1/7th and 1/9th attacked at 5.40 a.m. and it was not until late afternoon, about 5 p.m., that Brigade Headquarters received reports that Hill 37 was captured.

1/6th Battalion

The story told by the 1/6th King's was as follows: "The 9th and 6th K.L.R. became heavily involved in the fight for Hill 35, which was finally captured after a stiff fight, the 6th consolidating strong point on Hill 35 including Lens. Major Gordon and Captain Phillips wounded while reorganising the line for a further advance. Captain O. Eastwood, Second-Lieut. N. R. Phillips, Second-Lieut. Spratt were killed on Hill 35. Second-Lieut. Wallington and all No. 1 Platoon of "A" Company were killed in a gallant attempt to capture a strong point to the south of Hill 35. The 1/5th Loyal North Lancs. and the 1/5th South Lancs., having come up to reinforce, Hill 37 was captured by them and the survivors of this battalion. Towards dusk a strong enemy counter-attack on Hill 37 was beaten off with heavy casualties to the enemy. At 7.30 p.m. Lieut.-Colonel McKaig and Captain Brownell arrived from Transport Field, and former takes over command of the battalion."

The brigade narratives state that at 6.20 p.m. the line held ran from "Waterend House (where we joined up with the 9th Division) thence to Hill 37

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–Gallipoli Copse–Capitol–Keir Farm Dug-outs–Gallipoli, just north of which we joined up with the left brigade."

There seems to have been no change in this line during the night of the 20th–21st of September.

The 164th Brigade, on the left, had similarly experienced hard fighting.

1/8th Battalion

The 1/8th King's (Liverpool Irish) were on the extreme left of the brigade attack. They had moved up from the concentration area on the previous night, through thick, misty rain and extreme darkness, but were in position by the appointed time, formed up in two waves (each of three platoons). The first wave ("B" Company, under Captain R. B. Hodson, less one platoon) had as its objective the Red Dotted Line, and the "mopping up" of all strong points and trenches in the intervening area. The second wave ("D" Company, under Captain A. Monks, less one platoon) had been allotted the Green Line as its objective, and was responsible for the capture and garrisoning of Schuler Farm. A third wave ("A" and "C" Companies less two platoons) was to follow the second wave at a distance of from 250 to 300 yards, with orders to assist "B" and "D" in attaining their objectives.

At "zero" on the 20th the assaulting waves moved off at correct distances, the leading wave following closely on the heels of the barrage. Through the enemy's barrage, which was falling very heavily, the advance continued, though men were dropping frequently, killed or wounded. Not only was the hostile barrage responsible for these losses, but heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from behind Schuler Farm, and from the right bank of the Hanebeek, caused more than half the casualties. In addition, many of the enemy (presumably during the early morning) had taken up position in shell-holes and in a shallow trench, approximately about forty yards in front of the Schuler Gallery Line.

No sooner had our barrage passed over the latter than severe rifle fire and bomb throwing broke out; a moment later, also, a withering machine-gun and rifle fire came from the "pill boxes" at the northern end of the Schuler Galleries.

In the face of such opposition a momentary check took place, but in a very short space of time the Liverpool Irish rallied and swept like an angry flood over the shell holes and took up position in front of the Galleries, shooting down or bayoneting the remaining Germans who refused to surrender.

But by this period our barrage had been lost, *i.e.*, it had got too far ahead to afford the attackers adequate protection. The situation is then described as "critical." The two platoons, held in reserve, were thrown into the fight and an attempt made to outflank from the left the northern Galleries, in which the enemy was still putting up a stout resistance. The King's men, however, were not to be denied: the outflanking movement was successful, and by 7.15 a.m. the position was in their possession with about one hundred German prisoners.

The second wave now re-formed for the attack on Schuler Farm. But the advance had to be made without the assistance of the barrage in the face of fierce machine-gun and rifle fire, not only from the Farm but from Cross Cotts on the right flank. Several gallant attempts were made but without success.

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The situation at this period was that the Red Dotted Line had been captured and was held by elements of several units, and consolidation was proceeding. The position was then strengthened by every available means, while in the meantime Schuler Farm was kept under constant Lewis-gun, rifle and rifle-grenade fire, with the object of further reducing its German garrison before making another attack.

During the afternoon a white flag fluttered out from the Farm for a few moments but was then withdrawn: the ruse did not deceive the King's men, who took no notice of it, having on previous occasions been deceived by the enemy. Some may think it was inhuman to refuse to recognise what had always been the signal of surrender, but the enemy by frequent misuse of the white flag had deprived himself of the right of consideration. During the night of the 20th/21st the Boche continued to defend the Farm vigorously.

1/10th Battalion

The 166th Brigade remained in Divisional Reserve. The 1/10th King's were located in Liverpool and Bilge Trenches and Congreve. At 2 p.m. two companies, on attachment to the 164th Brigade, took up position in the old German front line, the remaining two companies coming under the orders of the G.O.C., 105th Brigade. The latter companies at 9.40 p.m. moved into a line of shell-holes in the neighbourhood of Elms Corner, in rear of Hill 37.

Of the first day of the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge the official despatches said: "West Lancashire Territorial battalions (55th Division) found the ground south-east of St. Julien very wet and heavy after the night's rain. None the less they made steady progress, reaching the line of their final objectives early in the afternoon."

Of the general results of the attack of 20th September the despatches also state: "As a result of this most successful operation the whole of the high ground crossed by the Menin Road, for which such desperate fighting had taken place during our previous attacks, passed into our hands."

No less than eleven violent counter-attacks were made by the enemy during the afternoon and evening of the 20th, but they were all broken up and further heavy casualties were inflicted upon him.

So far as the 165th Brigade was concerned, the 21st of September was a comparatively quiet day with the exception of the enemy's shell fire which, at times, was heavy. He began at 4.30 a.m. by placing a barrage on the 1/7th King's until daybreak. Throughout the day hostile aircraft were active over the positions newly captured by the 165th Brigade. At 5 p.m. a very heavy bombardment broke out and the enemy was reported massing for a counter-attack. This attack was completely broken up by our artillery, which caused the Boche further heavy losses.

On the left of the 165th Brigade the 164th completed the capture of Schuler Farm at 4.30 a.m. on the 21st. A special platoon of the Liverpool Irish, under Second-Lieut. Allerton, preceded by a patrol, advanced and took the place with little opposition from the enemy. Dead and wounded Germans lay about in all directions when the King's men rushed into the Farm buildings and captured them.

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The Farm was then immediately organised for defence, and a Lewis-gun and a machine-gun were mounted to form part of its defences. Consolidation proceeded rapidly and soon, with a line of shell-hole defences in front of the Northern Galleries to the Hanebeek, the whole neighbourhood became a very strong position. Hostile shell fire was heavy throughout the day, and particularly so just before the counter-attack (referred to above) took place in the evening.

So far as the King's men of the 55th Division were concerned there is little to record; the 165th Brigade was relieved during the night of the 22nd of September and all units moved back to Vlamertinghe on the 23rd, and later to camp in the Watou area.

The 164th Brigade was relieved on the 23rd, and during the night of the 23rd/24th all battalions moved by train from St. Jean to Vlamertinghe, and on the 24th to Watou, where also the 166th Brigade had arrived on the previous day.

The successful attack by the 55th Division had, however, not been made without heavy losses: the King's in particular suffered severely.

The 1/5th Battalion lost on the 20th: 4 officers and 41 other ranks killed, 5 officers and 114 other ranks wounded and 7 other ranks missing; the 1/6th gave their casualties as 4 officers and 25 other ranks killed, 7 officers and 149 other ranks wounded and 1 officer and 43 other ranks missing; the 1/7th 3 officers killed (Captain R. Shaw, Second-Lieuts. S. F. Vick and S. H. Hawksworth), 2 officers died of wounds (Second-Lieuts. M. Duncan and A. E. O'Neill) and four officers wounded (Second-Lieuts. J. D. Edmonds, A. A. Robinson, E. S. Coley and F. S. Milligan). In other ranks the 1/7th lost 61 killed, 166 wounded, 12 missing and 3 died of wounds. The 1/8th had two officers (Second-Lieuts. A. K. Hewitt and F. A. Stone) and 26 other ranks killed, 8 officers (Captains A. J. Monks and R. B. Hodson, Lieut. T. A. Cook and Second-Lieuts. W. Lake, W. J. C. Grayson, K. Kendrick, C. A. Baker and T. A. Harvey) and 149 other ranks wounded, 1 officer (Second-Lieut. F. E. Ablett) and 22 other ranks missing. The losses of the 1/9th Battalion were 4 officers (Second-Lieuts. A. Newman, C. N. Hamilton-Jones, J. H. Hoskyn and C. A. Jeeves) and 26 other ranks killed, 2 officers (Second-Lieuts. A. M. McAdams and F. J. Spragg) and 5 other ranks died of wounds, 8 officers (Captains L. S. Elton and A. G. Warde, Second-Lieuts. J. Roberts, T. A. Cairns, R. Sneezum, A. W. Richman, W. H. Bonniface and W. J. Lunnon) and 199 other ranks wounded and 44 other ranks missing. The 1/10th do not state their casualties during the operations, but their total losses for September were 66 all ranks.

Of the three other battalions of the regiment who are entitled to place the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge among their Battle Honours, the 4th King's (33rd Division) moved into the line on the 24th, the 12th King's (20th Division) moved into the support line on the 23rd, and the 13th King's (3rd Division) to support positions Hanebeek Wood, Sans Souci and Potsdam on the 22nd.

4th Battalion 17th August

The 4th Battalion was out of the front line until the 17th of August, when they relieved the 15th Lancashire Fusiliers in the St. George's sector on

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the Belgian Coast. But their duty in that part of the line was uneventful, and on the 20th of September they arrived at Reninghelst, moving thence on the 23rd to Kruisstraat Hoek. The following day the battalion relieved troops of the 23rd Division in the Reutelbeek sector, seven other ranks being wounded and six missing during the relief.[1]

On the morning of the 25th the enemy launched a very heavy counter-attack against the 33rd Division and the Australians on the left. The attack took place just before 6 a.m., after a violent barrage on the front, support, and reserve lines of both divisions.[2]

Covered by a thick mist, the enemy swarmed across No Man's Land and attacked the 33rd Division, whose troops had not yet had time to take stock of their surroundings. The 4th King's say very little about this attack, which is a great pity for on that day (25th) the enemy was repulsed most gallantly and the British troops put up a splendid fight. 25th August

The King's men thus describe the fighting along their own front: "Early morning about 5.30 a.m. enemy makes a big attack along the divisional front. The battalion held all its frontage. The enemy made several more attempts to break through but was driven back by rifle and machine-gun fire: 23 other ranks killed, 18 other ranks missing, 47 other ranks wounded. Captain J. S. Williams and Captain A. H. Sharpe killed in action."

Such is the 4th Battalion's own account of the counter-attack.

The 12th King's were at Proven from the 18th to the 28th of August, when they marched to fresh billets in the Herzeele area for the remainder of the month. On the 10th of September they moved into the front line north-east of Langemarck. On the night of the 15th a German was captured who stated that the enemy intended attacking next morning. The Battalion Diary then states: "preparations (were) made for his reception." 12th Battalion 10th September

At 5 a.m. on the 16th, under cover of a heavy barrage, about 120 Germans attacked, attempting to reach the line held by the right company of the King's men. The attack was from the direction of White House. His "reception" was the concentrated fire of artillery, machine-guns and rifles, from which few of his troops escaped. The King's had one other rank killed and six wounded. 16th September

When the battle opened, on the 20th of September, the 12th King's were at Wolfe Camp, near Dawson's Corner, and it was not until the 23rd that the battalion moved up to the support line with Battalion Headquarters at Au Bon Cité. The three days which followed in the line were spent under almost continuous shell fire, though only three other ranks were wounded. 20/25th September

(iv) THE BATTLE OF POLYGON WOOD: 26TH SEPTEMBER–3RD OCTOBER

The many fierce counter-attacks launched by the enemy after our successful attack on the 20th of September were not allowed to interfere with arrangements

[1]The 4th King's were for the time being attached to the 100th Brigade (33rd Division).

[2]Some idea of the intensity of this barrage may be gathered from the fact that the Germans employed 27 batteries of field artillery, 17 field howitzer batteries, 15 heavy howitzer batteries and 5 batteries of high-velocity long-range guns.

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which had been made for a renewal of the advance by the Second and Fifth Armies on the 26th. Yet so heavy and constant was the fighting in the neighbourhood of the Menin Road on the 25th, that one battle merged almost imperceptibly into another, and "Zero" hour on the 26th dawned before we and the enemy had had time to take breathing space after the intense struggle of the previous day.

The front of attack on the 26th of September extended from south of Tower Hamlets to north-east of St. Julien, a distance a little short of six miles; but south of the Menin Road only a short advance was intended. North of the road our objective was a position from which we could assault that portion of the main ridge between Noordemdhoek and Broodseinde, traversed by the Becelaere–Passchendaele road.

"Zero" hour was fixed at 5.50 a.m.

The 33rd, 5th and 4th Australian Divisions were to attack the enemy from our front between the Menin Road and the Ypres–Roulers Railway: the 3rd Division was attacking across the railway in the direction of Zonnebeke and Broodseinde, and on the left of the 3rd, the 59th and 58th Divisions were to advance in the direction of Gravenstafel Ridge.

4th, 12th, and 13th Battalions

Three battalions of the King's Regiment, therefore, numbered "Polygon Wood" among their Battle Honours, *i.e.*, 4th, 13th and 12th, for beyond the 59th Division the 20th Division, with other troops, held the line north-east of Langemarck. The 4th King's, of the 33rd Division, however, appears to have been the only battalion of the three in the front line at "Zero" hour, and their records are too brief to give a clear understanding of the operations which took place along their front: of the two other battalions, the 13th was in Divisional Reserve and the 12th in support.

4th Battalion

The record of the battle, as contained in the Battalion Diary of the 4th King's Regiment, is as follows: "26/9/17. 33rd Division attack and capture objective, ground held against all counter-attacks. Capt. H. B. Tripp wounded, Second-Lieut. J. V. Williams killed, 9 other ranks killed, 3 other ranks missing, 44 other ranks wounded, 1 other rank wounded and missing."

The narrative by the 98th Brigade Headquarters Diary contains no mention of the battalion.

27th September

The 27th was marked by less heavy shell-fire, though Second-Lieut. P. Ashton was wounded, 5 other ranks killed, 6 other ranks missing, 22 other ranks wounded. The battalion was relieved at night by the 8th Yorkshires of the 23rd Division and moved back to a camp near Dickebusch. On the following morning the King's men marched to Ouderdom and entrained for Ebblinghem where, on arrival, they took the road to Lynde for several days' training.

The 98th Brigade Diary gives the losses of the 4th King's for September (24th–28th inclusive) as 3 officers and 37 other ranks killed, 2 officers and 110 other ranks wounded, and 34 other ranks missing.

13th Battalion

The 13th King's (9th Brigade, 3rd Division) had spent most of the summer in the Somme area. They were at Achiet-le-Petit on the morning

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of the 1st of July, but moved later in the day to Beugny and at night relieved the 4th Ox. and Bucks. Light Infantry in the front line. But there was "little doing" at that period and in that part of the line, though there was always plenty of work on the defences and our new line; the enemy's retirement to the Hindenburg Line some months previously left us with a large amount of digging and trench making. Patrol work was active.

On the 20th the enemy, after a heavy bombardment, attacked a post held by one N.C.O. and four men.

The enemy's bombardment had wrecked the post and the wire in front of it. About fifty Germans then advanced and, having penetrated the wire, opened machine-gun fire and attacked the garrison with bombs. But, although fighting against heavy odds, the five gallant men with rifle fire and bombs repulsed the attack. On the enemy retiring the N.C.O. in charge of the post, though his garrison had been reduced to one combatant, rushed over to a neighbouring post to obtain the reinforcement of a Lewis-gun team. Other posts then opened cross fire on the enemy and he must have suffered heavy casualties.

The N.C.O.—Lc./Cpl. W. Gornail—and Privates R. Williams, H. Shanks and B. Wade were specially commended for their gallantry, as were also Private S. Thorpe for carrying messages under fire, and Corporal J. Boardman for promptness in handling his Lewis-gun. The Corps Commander also sent his congratulations to the battalion.

August was comparatively quiet and was spent partly in the Lagnicourt sector. Early in September the battalion moved back to camp at Beaulencourt for training. On the 18th, the 13th King's moved to Miraumont and entrained for Belgium, arriving at Hopoutre at about 10.45. The battalion then marched to camp in the Watou area.

22nd/23rd September

On the night of the 22nd/23rd the King's men, having entrained near Brandhoek moved, *via* Ypres, to the front line, relieving the 11th and 12th Royal Scots in the right support line, *i.e.* Hannebeke Wood, Sans Souci and Potsdam. Here they remained until midnight on the 24th, heavily shelled the whole time. The battalion was then relieved and moved back to the old German front line (which was in a battered condition), Capt. D. F. Wilkinson being wounded early on the morning of the 25th.

26th September

On the 26th, when the battle opened, the 8th and 76th Brigades attacked the enemy, the 9th Brigade being in Divisional Reserve.

About 7.30 p.m., however, word was received that the front line was falling back owing to heavy counter-attacks by the enemy. The 13th King's were then moved forward to support positions at Borry and Vampire Farms, the line running south to the railway: "B" Company was in support at Low Farm. At midnight the battalion was ordered to occupy the Red Line (this line being the final objective of the attack). With extreme difficulty, having to pass through a barrage, the King's men reached this position at about 5 a.m. on the 27th, three officers (Major K. Hall and Second-Lieuts. M. A. Page and H. B. Bramley) being among the casualties suffered during the move up.

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27th September

Throughout the 27th the battalion held the Red Line. At 6.30 p.m. a heavy hostile barrage came down and the enemy counter-attacked from Hill 40, but was repulsed, the King's men shooting down many Germans. In this attack, however, Second-Lieut. J. W. Barratt was killed and Second-Lieut. G. A. Glencross wounded.

Still holding this position on the 28th, the 13th King's had to put up with considerable sniping. At night machine-gun fire swept the Red Line and at 6 p.m. the Boche put down a heavy barrage which lasted about an hour. The next day Australian officers reconnoitred the line and on the 30th, the 35th

30th September

Australian Battalion relieved the King's. The latter then moved back to the Vlamertinghe area: they had seen the last of the Ypres Salient, for early in October the 3rd Division moved back again to the Somme area, the 9th Brigade arriving at Lechelle on the 5th.

12th Battalion

The 12th King's held the front line near Langemarck for a few hours only. On the 26th they relieved the 7th Somerset in the front line, but on coming

26th September to 3rd October

out on the night of the 28th/29th (having been relieved by troops of the 29th Division) were heavily shelled and had a few casualties.

Like the 3rd Division, the 20th Division had seen its last fight in the Ypres Salient, for early in October the latter entrained for the Somme area, the 12th King's reaching Bapaume on the 3rd.

(v) THE BATTLE OF POELCAPELLE: 9TH OCTOBER

4th Battalion

The 4th King's, during this battle, were attached for work to the 1st Anzac Corps, and were accommodated in dug-outs and shelters outside the eastern ramparts of the ruined city. The whole battalion was engaged on road construction.

11th Battalion

The 11th (Pioneer) Battalion (which had moved up to a camp in the Dickebusch area on the 8th of October) was also at work in Glencorse Wood on the 9th of October.

(vi) THE FIRST BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE: 12TH OCTOBER

Both the 4th and 11th (Pioneer) Battalions were in the area of the above battle. The 4th King's were still at work on road-making under the Anzac Corps. The Pioneers on the 11th had taken over the following work from the 5th Divisional Pioneers: making up and draining old Château Drive at Bedford House, making good the Menin Road for wagon traffic from Hooge Crater to Clapham Junction, work on the track-board track at Inverness Copse. They continued this work on the 12th, one man being killed by shell fire.

(vii) THE SECOND BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE: 26TH OCTOBER–10TH NOVEMBER

About the middle of October there was a distinct improvement in the weather; a small operation east of Poelcappelle took place on the 22nd, but again wretched conditions prevailed and it was not until the 25th that a strong west wind dried the surface of the ground, making the "going" easier. "Z"

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day for the next attack was therefore fixed for the morning of the 26th, and "Zero" hour at 5.45 a.m.

The front attacked extended from the Ypres–Roulers Railway to beyond Poelcappelle. In the neighbourhood of Poelcappelle the 57th Division was in line during the operations against Passchendaele, the eight (second-line) Territorial Battalions of the King's Regiment thus being entitled to that Battle Honour.

2/5th, 2/6th, 2/7th, 2/8th, 2/9th, 2/10th Battalions

The 57th Division was last mentioned in June as holding Armentieres and trenches in the vicinity. A close study of the Diaries of the 2/5th, 2/6th, 2/7th, 2/8th, 2/9th and 2/10th Battalions of the King's Regiment, for July 1917, shows in no uncertain degree trench warfare in its most active state. Whatever knowledge the enemy had of our intention of attacking in the Ypres Salient at the end of that month, it is apparent that he had no intention at this period of restricting his artillery or conserving his ammunition. Of July, August, September and October, the first-named month stands out in extraordinary contrast with the three later months as a time of violent shell-fire and a prodigious use of shells of all calibre and character. There were days, indeed, when the stream of high-explosive, shrapnel and gas shells seemed endless, when the whole area shook with terrific detonations, accompanied by clouds of smoke and dust from flying debris. Trench-mortar bombs ("Minnies"), "Rum Jars" and "Pineapples" were fired into the divisional trenches in vast numbers. Machine-gun and rifle fire, more intense at night because of working parties and patrols out in No Man's Land, wracked the nerves with its ceaselessness.

Nor were our guns, our mortars, machine-guns and rifles less active than those of the enemy. Retaliatory "shoots" were of daily occurrence, for the Boche always received as much (if not more) than he gave.

Raids, too, were frequent, and patrol encounters an almost nightly occurrence.

2/5th Battalion

The month of July 1917, was spent by the 2/5th Battalion in and out of the trenches east of Armentieres in L'Epinette sector. During the whole of that time the sector was fairly lively, especially towards the latter half of the month, culminating in rather a strenuous bombardment on the back and billetting areas in Armentieres.

27th July

On July 27th the battalion were relieved in the line and took up their usual billets in the town. "A" Company was left in the support lines, as was the usual custom at this period.

On Saturday the 28th things were very lively and a number of casualties were caused, chiefly by shrapnel. This lasted until the late afternoon, when the enemy commenced an extremely heavy bombardment of all sorts of shells on the town, which went on without cessation all that night and until well after daylight on the 29th. The town was drenched with gas shells and it was extremely difficult to keep in touch with the various billets owing to telephone wires so often being cut, our signallers mending the wires very pluckily over and over again under great difficulties. A number of houses caught fire, and it seemed impossible that anything could be left alive in the town.

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"B" and "D" Companies were luckily outside the area of the heaviest bombardment, but the Headquarters Staff and "C" Company suffered very heavy casualties indeed, being billetted in a glass-roofed factory, the roof of which being, of course, non-existent.

Next morning we evacuated practically the whole of these two companies, about 300 officers and men all told, less a few who had lost their lives during the bombardment.

The gas used in the attacks was chiefly mustard gas and affected the chest, throat, and eyes. A number of the men had gone temporarily blind, others were coughing in a terribly distressing manner—really a shocking sight.

Another very heavy bombardment of H.E. and shrapnel took place in the early afternoon of the 29th and more casualties occurred. Every individual, officers, N.C.Os. and men of the Battalion Headquarters Staff, was badly gassed and had to be evacuated.

The command then fell on Captain H. D. Read, commanding "A" Company, who luckily suffered no casualties from the bombardment being, as stated above, in the support lines.

On the 31st Major H. N. Giles, returning from leave, found himself in command of the battalion, and with the help of a large draft of officers and men quickly sent up, set to to reorganise the companies recently decimated. After two tours of duty in the Cordonnerie sector, Major Jenkins, of the Devon Regt. arrived to take over the command. Then after further duty in the line, the brigade was taken back to St. Hilaire for training and rest, and was inspected by the C. in C. In October a move was made to Elverdinge, where heavy night bombing was very frequent, one bomb setting the Divisional Oil Dump alight, and this attracted heavy bombs and shells which destroyed nearly the whole of the battalion transport, including three fine teams of greys. After a week at Elverdinge, the Eagle Trench line on the Passchendaele Ridge was taken over, until in November, in accordance with an Army Order to reduce brigades to three battalions, the 2/5th was, alas, broken up.

The 57th Division was relieved by the 38th (Welsh) Division about the middle of September and the 2/5th, on moving back to St. Hilaire, said: "It is anticipated that we shall remain here for three weeks. This being the first time that the unit has been so far back from the line since arriving in France."

From St. Hilaire the battalion (in brigade) moved to the Ypres Salient in October and on the 25th of October arrived at Marsouin Farm where, bivouacked for the night, they had their first glimpse of the utter desolation and sheer beastliness of that battlefield.

2/6th Battalion

Of the 2/6th King's there is much more information, for in addition to a more carefully-kept diary, Captain Wurtzburg's book furnished many more interesting details than are to be found in the official records.

2nd/3rd July

The 2/6th relieved the 2/7th in the left of the Houplines sector on the night of the 2nd/3rd of July. Trouble immediately confronted the battalion, for the Boche was busy with his guns, engaged in (what no doubt to him was) the congenial task of systematically destroying the left-company ("B") sector,

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the support trenches receiving special attention. The latter had been dug on the forward slope of a ridge and presented a fine target. So persistent was the enemy's shell-fire that it was impossible to keep pace with the damage done.

But on the 11th the division had "its own back" when gas cylinders were opened and projectors discharged on to the Boche trenches. There was a tremendous roar as the latter were sent over, which resembled a mine explosion, huge black clouds drifting away from the scene of the discharge. "A" Company, however, received something of the discharge, and a number of men were "gassed."

Whether the gas discharge caused heavy losses among the Germans opposite was not known, but it undoubtedly aroused the wrath of the enemy, who immediately opened fire with his guns and lashed the sector with shells of all calibre, probably fearing a raid as well.

The battalion was relieved by the 2/7th on the 11th, and moved back to billets in Armentieres. That town had long been a target for the enemy's guns, and early the next morning a huge shell crashed into "C" Company's billets, the burst killing five and wounding six men. On the 19th, the 2/6th moved back into the line and took over the same sector they had handed over to the 1/7th who, in the meantime, had been raided by the enemy, of which occurrence more will be said later.

Patrols were always busy at this period and the following is the story of one of these adventures in No Man's Land.

"The patrol which left our trenches shortly after midnight was composed of Riflemen Bolshaw, Matchett and Corkill with the section sleuth, Rifleman Dixon, in charge. The front line to the left of the head of Irish Avenue was only held to within about two hundred yards of the River Lys, the remainder of the trench from that point up to the river being rendered untenable by the marshy condition of the ground and the enemy command. Judging the Boche lines opposite to be similarly governed, it was obvious that this deserted area formed an excellent approach to Frelinghien. About this time a Boche withdrawal was expected opposite. The object of our patrol was to advance as far, and learn as much as possible. The music encountered *en route* for the front line speedily dispelled any idea as to a Boche retirement. A relief was in progress at the time; 'Fritz' must have spotted it, for we ran into a veritable nightmare inferno. Rifle and machine-gun bullets whined and sniffed, 'pineapples' cracked, shells crashed and 'minnies' crumped. Added attractions were a dense fog and the choking fumes of the explosives. Through it all the fitful glare of the Very lights grew and waned, and the *tout ensemble* created in one a stronger desire to enter No Man's Land than I had ever experienced before. There, at any rate, we would miss some of the 'hate' plastering around. With due caution we made our way along the deserted trenches to the bank of the Lys. We then struck out sharply to the right some distance and lay down to listen. Barely distinguishable amid the din, we could hear a knocking, rattling and clanking to our immediate front. A surmise that a Boche wiring party was at work was confirmed a few minutes later by the location of its covering party

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at no great distance from us. Our batteries then commenced to retaliate for the 'strafe,' and a breeze, till then absent, commenced to carry the fumes from the Boche shells back home. 'Fritz's' nerves were evidently not at their best that night, for almost immediately the musical tinkle of his gas alarms rippled south down the sector, incidentally causing us no little amusement. Having discovered that, far from being absent from Frelinghien, the Boche was busy improving his position there, and further progress on our part being impossible we emptied our rifles into the darkness in the direction of the wiring party and withdrew."

By far the most arresting incident which happened to the 2/6th during July was at the close of the month, when a terrific bombardment of Armentieres was opened by the Boche. Other bombardments which had preceded it during the month were mild compared with that savage hail of shell, including gas.

2/7th Battalion 29th July

The 2/6th Battalion (less "A" and "D" Companies) was relieved by the 2/7th, on the 29th, and moved into big reserve billets in Armentieres, "A" and "D" Companies moving into the subsidiary line.

The 2/7th had come into the sector without a shell being fired. Colonel Slater (the C.O.) and his Battalion Headquarters had just arrived and the relief was progressing well when, without warning, there was a sudden rush and roar, and Armentieres was under a terrible bombardment. In rear of the enemy's front line a regular semi-circle of flashes could be seen as the German guns fired, and the storm of shrieking, howling and moaning shells passed over and fell on the battered town. It was obviously no ordinary "shoot," but a specially-arranged "show" with artillery of all sorts.

The relief of the 2/6th was, for the time being, stopped and all troops "stood to." An S.O.S. went up from the right battalion in the line and our guns opened: the din was now appalling.

In Armentieres itself, apart from the rush and scream and ear-splitting detonations of the shells, the uproar was tremendous. Buildings, smashed and battered, crashed to the ground, and broken débris hurled about in all directions.

An officer of the 2/6th, who had gone on ahead to take over billets, rang up his Battalion Headquarters (then in the line) saying that the town was soaked with gas and warned the Battalion not to come out of the line just then.

Fires then broke out in the town, but the enemy's shell-fire did not cease until 12.15 a.m., and then only for half-an-hour, when it broke out afresh with increased energy. At about 1.15 a.m., however, this shelling was reduced to one or two areas and some general miscellaneous shooting until 4 a.m., when it was further slackened to one or two heavy guns alone.

It was about 3 a.m. that "B" Company of the 2/6th began to thread its way down Buterne Avenue towards Armentieres. On the Houplines road they were caught by a heavy bombardment and had to take shelter in odd cellars. "C" Company and Battalion Headquarters followed, but escaped with only casual shelling. "A" and "D" remained in the subsidiary line and were no doubt glad to do so.

On resuming their way back to billets in Armentieres, "B" Company

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found the billeting area anything but cheerful. A large part of the Rue de Lille, containing the Quartermaster's Stores, was in flames. The house next to Battalion Headquarters was practically gutted, and both "B" and "C" Companies' billets were blazing. The streets were littered with gas shells and that peculiar grey powder which they had scattered. Gas fumes hung about the houses and in the so-called gas-proof cellars.

As the two Companies arrived ambulances were being loaded up with casualties—a harrowing sight. The poor fellows were in all the throes of gas poisoning, gasping, vomiting, choking, their eyes bloodshot and streaming as if violently weeping. Lieut. Wyatt, though suffering badly from the gas himself, gallantly carried a wounded man across the town through the bombardment. Quarter-Master Sergt. Jackson, found wounded and unconscious in the street, was also another bad case. More than half of the advanced party of "B" Company were in various stages of collapse, while along the road to the advanced dressing station tottered a small stream of casualties. A search was then instituted for some part of the town where the gas was less pronounced.

"It need hardly be said," records Capt. Wurtzburg, "that the Commanding Officer (Lieut.-Colonel Fletcher) was tireless in his efforts to relieve the situation, and in company with Major H. K. Wilson searched the town from one end to the other. It was on such occasions as these that the ordinary man got a glimpse of what the Commaning Officer really was. After a prolonged search the schools between St. Vaast Church and the Convent were found to be clear, and thither the remainder of the battalion were removed. *The men, utterly tired out, fell asleep, but only to wake up and find that they were blind. This was 'mustard' gas, till then unheard of by us, and processions of blind men, led by one who could still see, became more and more frequent.* We did contrive to make some tea, but the rest of the food was slashed with gas and was unusable: otherwise there was little to be done."

Throughout that night and the whole of the next day the Germans shelled the town fiercely. Lieuts. Penrice and Clarke are mentioned as doing splendid work.

As might be imagined, the toll of casualties was frightful. By the 31st of July the following officers had been evacuated: Lieut.-Colonel W. A. L. Fletcher, Major H. K. Wilson, Captains A. G. Eccles and C. T. Steward, Lieut. P. F. Alcock, Second-Lieuts. W. R. Collinge,[1] F. E. Evans, H. H. E. Royle, C. Rothwell, J. R. Paul, E. E. Paul, W. J. Pegge, J. H. M. Little, C. T. A. Wyatt, Lieut. and Quartermaster T. Sutherland, the Battalion Padre (Rev. S. Weaver) and the Medical Officer (Capt. H. Robinson, R.A.M.C.). The Adjutant, who had gone on leave on the 29th, before the far-reaching effect of the gas had revealed itself, had to go into hospital on arrival in England. Company Sergt.-Major Heyworth, who had started with him, had to remain behind at Fort Rumpu, blind and delirious. The stream of ambulances, lorries, G.S. Wagons and farm carts pouring into, and out of, Armentieres was a sight never to be forgotten.

[1]Died 7th August, 1917.

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The whole of "B" and "C" Companies, with the exception of Second-Lieut. Fell and one man, became casualties. One policeman and one storekeeper alone remained of Battalion Headquarters. The rest, including the Regimental Sergt.-Major, Regimental Quarter-Master Sergt., orderly room, medical, sanitary and quartermaster's staff, cooks, bakers, bootmaker, and all other details were evacuated. Even the battalion orchestra which, when the bombardment began, was playing, was badly gassed to a man and their instruments destroyed.

The total casualties were 17 officers wounded (less Lieut. Collinge), 12 men killed and approximately 428 wounded, of whom a few died later in all the throes of a terrible death.

Captain F. C. Bowring then assumed command of the battalion (which now consisted of two companies and a few odd details) until Major Wilson returned from hospital on the 6th of August. From the 9th to the 14th of August the battalion, while out of the line at Bac St. Maur, was reorganised and re-equipped. On the 14th, 18th, 25th and 26th, drafts of men arrived from the 24th I.B.D. so that once more the 2/6th regained its strength. On the 1st of the month its effective strength was 17 officers and 347 other ranks, and on the 31st, 26 officers and 756 other ranks. Lieut-Colonel Fletcher returned and assumed command of the battalion on the 11th of September. Drafts of officers and men arrived during the month, which otherwise was uneventful.

The 2/6th went back to St. Hilaire on the 19th, where a month out of the line followed. It was supposed to be a "rest," but long experience in France taught men that "rest areas" were but a snare and a delusion, that one worked harder then than in the front line. After the move to Ypres the 2/6th reached Wolfe Camp on the 23rd of October.

2/7th Battalion

For the 2/7th King's also the month of July was full of "liveliness."

7th July

The battalion began the month in the Houplines sector. On the 7th Second-Lieut. Delamere was slightly wounded. For the first fortnight the line was comparatively quiet. But during the second tour, on the 14th, the enemy's shell-fire for twenty-four hours was heavy. At 8.45 p.m. he placed a heavy barrage on the trenches in the left sector, following it up with three more of equal violence throughout the night. On the second occasion he sent over a fighting patrol of six men, which tried to enter the trenches of the King's men, but they were driven off by Lewis-gun and rifle-fire.

15th July

The 15th was a quiet day, but at 2.2 a.m. on the 16th he again barraged the left and left-centre sectors, his guns playing havoc for half-an-hour with the defences. A German raiding party, consisting of 2 officers and 95 other ranks, then attacked Nos. 1 to 4 Posts in Locality 16. Their approach was, however, observed and they were driven off with bombs and Lewis-gun fire. The King's men took one prisoner and killed four of the enemy. The losses of the 2/7th were 2 other ranks killed, 4 officers (2 "at duty") and 26 other ranks wounded; 2 other ranks were missing, who were afterwards found killed in the battalion lines. Thus the Boche supplied us with identifications but obtained none. On the 21st a gas shell fell on the Quartermaster's Stores, and two other

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ranks died of wounds, while Second-Lieut. A. J. Pumfrey and six other ranks were "gassed."

Gas shelling was severe and frequent at this period, for the next day Second-Lieut. Mackenzie and 14 other ranks, who were attached to the 171st Pioneer Company, were also gassed, while Second-Lieut. Maxwell-Stuart and 3 other ranks in the front line also shared a similar fate.

The last entry in the Battalion Diary for July is an account of the month's casualties, from which some idea of the intense shelling to which the Houpline sector and the area generally about Armentieres had been subjected, may be gathered. Ten officers were wounded, 12 other ranks killed, 134 wounded and 11 died of wounds.

Among the appendices for the month are the citations of several awards for gallantry. On the 9th, Sergt. Wright and Drummer Webster were awarded the Military Medal under the following circumstances. On the 2nd of July the support line was heavily shelled. Instructions had been given that when shelling took place the men were to move to the flanks. Sergt. Wright noticed that Corporal Lathom and two privates were missing. He sent for the stretcher bearers and went along to the support line, where he found the Corporal lying badly wounded. With the assistance of Drummer Webster, Sergt. Wright succeeded in evacuating the wounded N.C.O. to the Regimental Aid Post. Twice the two men, while carrying their burden, were knocked down by shell explosions, but having reached the Aid Post they deposited the Corporal and returned to duty. Both are commended in the citation for the "utmost coolness under heavy fire."

The next awards of the Military Medal were on the 25th to Privates Ernest Sawyer and Joseph Wright for displaying conspicuous courage on the night of the 14th/15th.

During the four heavy barrages put down by the enemy on the night of the 14th/15th of July on the left-company sector, the signalling communication was severed. Private Sawyer then volunteered to carry messages to various parts of the front line. The night was extremely dark and rain had rendered the "going" most difficult. His way lay along trenches already almost flattened by the storm of shells which had burst, and was still bursting upon them, but he accomplished his self-imposed task. Having delivered the message Sawyer then volunteered to escort the Trench Officer back to the front line. His devotion to duty and great coolness was instrumental in bringing back most valuable information.

Private Wright, as a company runner, also carried messages between companies and Battalion Headquarters, having to pass through the barrage and carry out his work mostly overland, as the communication trenches had been blown in.

Private Joseph Kershaw was also awarded the Military Medal for employing great courage on the night of the 14th/15th of July: "Private Kershaw was a linesman on duty at the signalling station. Signal communcation was destroyed by the enemy barrage immediately. Not being required at the

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telephone, he realised that the Trench Officer could not possibly watch for the enemy and move from post to post owing to parapet being about fifteen feet above the duck walk. As it was extremely important that the Trench Officer and Buzzer operator should be kept informed as to the situation, Private Kershaw left his dug-out and got on to the fire step. Finding it impossible to watch enemy movement from there owing to earth being thrown up by shells on to the parapet, he climbed on to the top of his dug-out and was able from there to keep the Trench Officer in touch with the situation. This man's bravery and initiative undoubtedly enabled the garrison to be prepared for the enemy attack and also enabled the Trench Officer to keep Battalion Headquarters informed of the situation, which considerably assisted liaison with the artillery."

Lce./Cpl. Thomas Howard and Private Martin Kehoe won their Military Medals on the night of the 15th/16th of July, the first named for very gallant work as a stretcher bearer in evacuating wounded under very heavy shell-fire, and the latter for great devotion to duty when, although severely wounded during an intense barrage, he continued to hand up S.A.A. ammunition to the remainder of the garrison of a post. "His pluck and cheerfulness under the circumstances set a fine example to the rest of the men."[1]

The names of Capt. and Adjt. H. Drakeford and Private Henry Alty appear in the August Diaries, with copies of citations of the award of a Military Cross to the former and a Distinguished Conduct Medal to the latter. Both were won during the night of the 15th/16th of July.

Capt. Drakeford was visiting the front line of the left company sector when a very heavy barrage, lasting over an hour, was put down by the enemy. He at once entered a post and organised it for defence, and the garrison succeeded in beating off a determined attack made by a strong party of the enemy. Capt. Drakeford then proceeded to visit all the front-line positions in the sector while a second intense barrage was in progress, himself killing a German and obtaining an identification.

Private Alty was in temporary charge of No. 2 Post and found himself attacked on both flanks by a party of the enemy, each of from fifteen to twenty Germans. He fired one Lewis-gun magazine into one party, beating it off, and then turned his gun on the other, but it jammed. After using all his bombs and finding the enemy still advancing from shell-hole to shell-hole, he retired down the crest of the bank to a shell-hole in rear, from which he brought rifle-fire to bear on the Germans as they entered the post. He was now threatened in rear by a party of the enemy moving between the front line and the close support line and retired still further to the latter line, where he tried to get into touch with the front line. Although his post had been thinned by casualties, five dead Germans were counted, and there was little doubt that Private Alty's action disorganised the enemy's plans for cutting out Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Posts, and delayed the attack on No. 1 until it could be reinforced.

[1]It is rare to find copies of citations, such as have been given, with the Battalion Diaries, but the records of the 2/7th King's were carefully kept and even had operation orders—another rarity.

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Private Alty, D.C.M., was afterwards commissioned and killed in action in 1918 while serving with another unit of the 57th Division.

August found the 2/7th King's in a new sector of the front line, La Boutillerie, but trench warfare was still as active and strenuous. On the 6th, Second-Lieut. P. Seagrave was wounded.

29th August

On the 29th there is an interesting entry in the Battalion Diary: "The Commanding Officer met Press representatives at Brigade (Headquarters) in connection with information for *Liverpool Post*."

Lieut.-Colonel Slater was evacuated sick early in August, and for the time being Major J. Burnie assumed command of the battalion, but on the last day of the month instructions were received from Divisional Headquarters that Major Stafford, of the King's Royal Rifles, would take over temporary command, and he arrived on the 2nd of September. But on the 7th, Lieut.-Colonel Stafford left to rejoin his old Division (2nd) and another C.O., Major (later Lieut.-Colonel) C. S. Baines assumed command on the 10th.

September

During the remainder of September there is little of outstanding interest in the Diaries of the 2/7th Battalion.

October

October opened with the battalion out of the line at Estrée Blanche, in training. On the 3rd the 2/7th King's held their first sports meeting since arrival in France, on which the Battalion Diary comments as follows: "This should be encouraged in the future. Great interest taken in sports which were very successful."

What a war it was! Hard fighting, hard working, and hard playing kept body and soul together, kept aflame also that wonderful spirit of courageous cheerfulness and optimism which has always been the peculiar attribute of the British soldier. Not without truth did a famous general say: "Thank God for the British private soldier!"

The "small talk" in the Diary of the Battalion when out of the line is not uninteresting. To those who survived the war the various items recorded day by day, often written down (then) with a feeling of boredom, would bring back many a forgotten incident and the memory of many things which time has almost covered up, the comings and goings of officers on leave to "Blighty," to the numerous Schools of Instruction, of concert parties held in billets, such as were given by the 57th Divisional Troupe—"The Dons"—on the 10th of October, of night "ops" carried out in damnable weather, the "joining up" of new officers, and of N.C.Os. and men going home for Christmas and a hundred and one things—uninteresting to the outsider but full of memories to one who had belonged to the battalion.

The third week of October found the 2/7th King's also on the move; they, too, arrived at Proven on the 20th.

2/8th Battalion

The 2/8th (Liverpool Irish) Battalion began the month of July in repulsing in a most successful manner a raid by the Boche.

1st July

At about 8 a.m. on the 1st of July the enemy placed a box barrage, using trench mortars, artillery and machine guns, on the front line of the battalion, then holding the L'Epinette sector. "G" Gap, No. 7 Locality, thence along

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Australia Avenue, Willow Walk, Quality Street, Plank Avenue and Japan were kept under heavy fire, while a lighter barrage was placed on Nos. 6 and 4 Localities.

Five minutes after the hostile barrage had fallen the German raiders advanced. They came on about forty all told, divided into three squads. They penetrated No. 7 Locality and there encountered two bombing posts. These the enemy ordered to surrender. But the Liverpool Irish were not of a mind to give themselves up without a fight, and pelted the Boche vigorously with bombs, whereupon he withdrew, leaving a wounded man on the parapet.

The enemy's barrage ceased at 2.35 a.m. and immediately patrols from the King's went out and searched No Man's Lane. The Boche had, however, decamped back to his own lines. The route taken by him was easily discernible through the long grass, pools of blood marked the line of his retreat, more being found in the trenches of the King's. Between sixty and seventy stink bombs were found in the trench and out in No Man's Land; three rifles, one blown to pieces and covered in blood, were also found in the trench, also two caps with Prusssian rosettes in them.

The 2/8th lost five other ranks killed and seven wounded. What the enemy's casualties were could not be ascertained, but seeing that the Divisional barrage fell four minutes after the S.O.S. went up, it must have caught the Boche and inflicted losses on him.

The Liverpool Irish at this period must have been weak in numbers, for on the 3rd their Diary records that platoons being so small, each company had to be reorganised on a three-platoon basis.

In Armentieres, where they billeted, the 2/8th experienced the same heavy shell-fire, which was one of the worst experienced. The battalion, when in the line on the 23rd, had twenty-five casualties in "A" Company alone from shrapnel and gas shells.

28th/30th July

On the 28th, 29th and 30th, when the town was swept by a terrific storm of gas shell, the 2/8th were still, fortunately, in the front line, but their Quarter-Master's Stores suffered badly, the Quarter-Master and all his staff being put out of action.

August and September

August and September were comparatively quiet months, but with the appendices to the Battalion Diary of the latter month there is a short account of a patrol encounter which merits description.

The 2/8th was then in the Fleurbaix sector.

On the 5th of September the C.O. (Major F. H. Bowring) issued orders for a patrol, consisting of one officer and fifteen other ranks, to patrol the enemy's trenches and obtain identifications, while one N.C.O. and fifteen men were to keep communication open and act as a supporting party.

"Zero" hour was at 9.30 a.m. on the 5th of September.

The patrol (under Second-Lieut. J. A. Free) started out and had no difficulty in entering the enemy's front-line trench (the neighbourhood had been raided before and no opposition met with). A German working party of about seventy men was observed in the support line. Lieut. Free then detailed a

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party to either flank in the hopes of cutting off some of the enemy, and taking one N.C.O. went forward himself to reconnoitre. He then bumped into an enemy post of ten men and with the N.C.O. opened fire on the enemy, inflicting some casualties, some of the garrison bolting to safety. The officer and his N.C.O. retired a few yards, reloaded, and again entered the post. Two Germans were found in it who, on being threatened, threw up their hands and were taken prisoners. Lieut. Free then withdrew his patrol without suffering a single casualty, a good example of courage and prompt action which resulted in the achievement of the objects of the patrol.

The 2/8th arrived in the Proven area on the 19th of October. 19th October

At the beginning of July the 172nd Brigade held the Bois Grenier sector farther south of Armentieres, the 2/9th and 2/10th King's relieving one another alternately in the Flamengrie sector. 2/9th and 2/10th Battalions

The 2/9th, who relieved the 2/10th on the 9th of July, were apparently very active patrollers. They had detected a hostile listening post out in No Man's Land on the night of the 10th, and night after night sent out a small patrol to "lie up" with the object of surprising and capturing the Boche in the post, but when the battalion was relieved on the 17th no enemy had been encountered. 9th July

The enemy's trench-mortar fire became very active towards the end of the month, doing considerable damage to the trenches. During the second tour in the line attempts were made to capture Boche in the listening post, but although the post was entered no hostile troops were found in it.

On the 28th Lieut.-Colonel A. F. S. Leggett gave up command of the 2/9th Battalion. He had been ill for some time. Major E. G. Thin then assumed temporary command until, on the 4th of August, Lieut.-Colonel E. V. Manger arrived. 28th July

The same vigorous patrolling continued throughout the whole of August during the time the battalion held the front line, on some nights as many as five patrols going out into No Man's Land.

In September conditions became much more quiet in the line, though occasionally the Boche woke up and shelled our trenches heavily. His trench mortars were always annoying, though they did not cause many casualties. On one occasion, however, a heavy "Minnie" fell on the breastwork of a post on the extreme right of Flamengerie sector, held by "B" Company. The burst killed four men and buried five others, who were all wounded. They were quickly dug out by the survivors of the post, directed by the Medical Officer and Padre. September

A little deception, for the purpose of gaining information, was practised on the enemy one night. The intention was to make the Boche disclose whether he held the front line in strength or lightly. For this purpose a flare, made from old explosives, was fired close to the enemy's wire. The flame and smoke apparently startled the Boche into thinking a gas attack was imminent, for pandemonium suddenly broke out in his trenches, scores of Very lights soared up into the sky and threw their weird illumination over No Man's Land; whistles and horns were blown, and generally the enemy's front and support lines were

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alive with troops. This was exactly what was wanted, and our artillery placed a heavy barrage on the enemy's front and support lines where they were held most strongly.

October

Out of the line, training in the morning and games in the afternoon was the general programme, and in the third week in October the 2/9th similarly moved north to Proven, arriving at that place on the 19th.

2/10th Battalion

The 2/10th King's (Liverpool Scottish) began July also in the Flamangerie sector. Their diary consists largely of three items: patrol work, our artillery fire, and the enemy's artillery fire. The first-named was constant at night, the second and third varied always. But occasionally the Boche made things very

4th July

nasty in the front line. On the 4th, for instance, he opened at 7 a.m. with an artillery bombardment consisting of "minnies," "rum jars," and "pine-apples," and it was not until our artillery retaliated and gave him a good hammering that he ceased. At night he was especially nervous, frequently bombing and firing machine-guns all along his own wire.

The night of the 6th/7th was another occasion on which the enemy heavily barraged our line: there were also expectations of a raid. At about 9.45 p.m. he began with a very heavy barrage on the Flamangerie sector, in which "minnies" largely predominated. Then at 10 p.m. an intense barrage was placed on the front, support and second-support lines; a box barrage was also put down which looked suspiciously like a raid. The "minnie" barrage was of the utmost intensity and both air and ground bursts were accurate, completely demolishing certain localities. At 10.15 p.m. the Divisional Artillery retaliated and swept the enemy's line with a terrific fire, in which trench mortars and machine-guns took a hand. The enemy's fire then began to slacken. Meanwhile our patrols were out but no trace of the enemy could be found in No Man's Land, nor could any sounds be heard in the front line. The 2/10th lost in this bombardment two other ranks killed, two died of wounds, and twenty wounded. Captain A. McD. Doughty and Second-Lieut. D. Taylor were also wounded.

The next sub-sector into which the 2/10th went was Rue du Bois, where

20th July

the Boche was just as active. On the night of the 20th, for instance, between 11 p.m. and 1.30 a.m., a constant stream of gas shells, at the rate of thirty per minute, passed over the line of the King's men on to the back areas. On the 21st between 2,000 and 3,000 shells fell in Armentieres. On the 22nd, between 11 p.m. and 5.30 a.m., nearly three hundred more shells fell in the town. This shell-fire, accompanied at times by streams of "minnies" and "pineapples," continued more or less throughout July. In August, however, the enemy became

August

much more careful over his expenditure of ammunition, for he was beginning to find that the Battles of Ypres were likely to be extremely costly. Towards the end of that month the Battalion Diary of the Liverpool Scottish contains such items as "little activity generally," this referring to the "enemy operations."

September

The September records contain nothing of outstanding importance, and (as already stated) the 2/10th arrived the same day as other units of the brigade, the 19th of October, at Proven.

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Although the King's men of the 171st and 172nd Brigades (57th Division) made no attacks on the enemy, they moved into the front line and experienced all the appalling horrors of existence (it cannot be called more) in the water-logged shell-hole line in the neighbourhood of Langemarck.

The 171st Brigade was the first to move from Proven, battalions entraining at the station on the 24th of October for the Malakoff Farm area. On arrival at this miserable place—a camp of huts and tents—all units made themselves as comfortable for the night as was possible. On the next day the 2/8th King's moved forward to Eagle Trench, a support trench to the front line north-east of Langemarck, while the 2/5th Battalion moved to Marsouin Farm—another pestilential spot.

2/5th and 2/8th Battalions 25th October

On the 26th the 171st Brigade relieved the 170th Brigade in the Langemarck sector, the relief being completed by the early morning of the 27th. The front line held by the brigade extended from Requete Farm (north of Poelcapelle), on the right, to the Broembeek, on the left, and passed in front of Besage Farm, Bower House and Gravel Farm—a curious shaped sector.

The whole area was more or less waterlogged, and where perhaps it seemed a little drier than in other places, a spade driven into the ground drew water almost immediately. The digging of trenches was absolutely impossible, indeed none existed excepting by some miracle, old German trenches dug in the dry summer weather remained, and by almost superhuman efforts had been made habitable. But the line consisted mostly of consolidated shell holes with another line of advanced shell-hole posts in front. The "consolidated shell holes" were the acme of discomfort and misery. The slippery sides of the craters, formed by shell bursts, had been strengthened by sand bags and as much water pumped out of the holes as possible, but it was no uncommon thing to have to stand in a foot of water all day and all night. Sometimes a battalion was lucky enough to find itself in possession of one or more "pill boxes," but there was a "snag" about these: the Boche gunners had marked them down methodically, and they were always more or less under shell-fire.

Pack animals—mules and ponies—were used to carry rations and ammunition up to the support lines, whence they were carried forward to the front line, many ration parties losing their way in seas of mud, for duck-board tracks were not always available. Tracks, deep in mud and treacherous, lay between the shell-holes and the problem was whether to stick to the duck boards and come to grief from the enemy's shell-fire (for he had all such tracks under fire) or to risk the footpaths between the shell-holes and craters, with an equal risk of falling into a hole deep in water with the possibility of drowning, or being engulfed in thick, stinking mud!

The 2/8th King's went first into the front line, with the 2/5th in support and the 2/6th and 2/7th in reserve. But so terrible were the conditions in the line that units only passed one night in the shell-hole line, when they were relieved and moved right back to camp. Thus, on the 27th of October, the 2/5th took over the front line and the 2/8th moved back to Huddleston Camp, the

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2/6th moving up to Eagle Trench in support. On the following day the 2/6th relieved the 2/5th, the 2/7th relieving the 2/6th in due course.

But few of the battalions complain of the awful condition of the line. Only one (the 2/5th) records that "condition of ground very bad," the other battalions make no reference to the conditions.

Activity in the line consisted of patrolling and shell-fire: the enemy's guns were seldom silent, gas shelling was frequent and heavy.

2/6th Battalion 28th/29th October

The 2/6th, on moving up to relieve the 2/5th on the 27th/28th, sustained twenty casualties. On the night of the 28th/29th Lieut. C. W. Clarke, Sergeant Powell, Corporal Stubbs, and three other ranks went out from Besage Farm to reconnoitre. They advanced about one thousand yards, bringing back valuable information, but Lieut. Clarke and Sergeant Powell were wounded. The Brigadier congratulated the whole patrol on its fine work. On the 29th the total casualties suffered by the battalion were thirty-two, including two officers. During the night of the 29th/30th "B" Company made an attempt to occupy Memling and Rubens Farms. Second-Lieut. Vaughan and two sections passed Memling Farm but were held up outside Rubens Farm by machine-gun fire. A party led by Second-Lieut. Rycroft was unable to make headway against Memling.

Before the parties could get back to their lines the 58th Division, on the right of the 57th, attacked the enemy under a heavy barrage. The latter brought heavy retaliation from the enemy's guns, and Second-Lieut. Vaughan and most of his party were knocked out. Later, efforts to reach Memling were again abortive. Casualties were heavy—70 all ranks, including 3 officers.

When the 2/6th came out of the line on the night of the 30th/31st of October they had lost in killed, 1 officer (Second-Lieut. D. Vaughan) and 25 other ranks; wounded, Captain McWilliam, Lieut. Clarke, Second-Lieuts. Proffitt and Lever, and 81 other ranks, and 16 other ranks missing.

Of this tour in the line Captain Wurtzburg said: "As an experience of the realities of war it was not without its value, though it cost us dear. The misery of the countryside has already been indicated, and this was enhanced by the spectacle of the countless dead that littered the ground. So many were they that in places it was impossible to move without treading on them . . . Those who took part in it will never erase from their minds its many ghastly features, among which the mud and the multitude of dead will stand out pre-eminent. Of the former it must be said that the sodden condition of the ground, though it stopped our advance, certainly prevented many casualties from shell-fire, but at the same time many a wounded man was sucked down into the horrible quagmire and stretcher-bearers found their task in many cases beyond their powers. The enemy, too, seemed to take a fiendish delight in adding extra terrors to this work by sniping them with "whizz-bangs," and Lieut. Clarke had several of his bearers hit before his journey to the regimental aid post, *which took some sixteen hours*, was completed. His great fortitude and Lieut. Vaughan's gallant attempt, which cost him his life, are glorious memories of that grim period. If nothing else was learnt, the value of personal bravery,

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for the display of which the quiet routine of trench warfare had afforded but little scope, was now made clear to all, and not only by the performances of Clarke, Vaughan and Lever, and the gallant members of their parties, but also by the steady bearing of the battalion generally during those trying times. The courage and initiative displayed by the transport, and particularly by the specially-organised pack-mule section, were worthy of the highest commendation."

2/7th Battalion

The 2/7th, in reserve at Marsouin Camp on the 28th, lost 24 other ranks gassed. On taking over Eagle Trench eleven more casualties were suffered. Having done their twenty-four hours in the trenches, they moved back to Bridge Camp, Elverdinghe, but in a bombing raid by hostile aircraft 2 other ranks were killed and 8 wounded; Lieut. and Quarter-Master R. Lewis and Lieut. L. Froude were also wounded.

2nd November

On the night of the 2nd of November the 172nd Brigade, in reserve at Malakoff Farm and area, took over the front line from the 171st, *i.e.* from Requete Farm on the right to Berthier Farm on the left.

2/9th Battalion

The 2/9th King's relieved the 2/8th Battalion from Requete Farm to Gravel Farm.

The battalion left Soult Farm at 9 a.m. that morning and arrived at Marsouin Camp at 11 a.m. Hot dinners were then served out, after which each man had his feet rubbed with whale oil and one "Tommy Cooker" was issued to every third man. Each man also carried *a small oil-can of rum for emergencies.* Who could blame them if "emergency cases" were numerous! The weather was bitterly cold and the ground sodden.

Having drawn stores, the battalion left Marsouin Farm for the front line at 5 p.m. The way lay over duck-board tracks most of the journey and, as usual, the Boche guns were busy on all tracks, so that the King's men had an uncomfortable march up to the line of posts in which the 2/8th were waiting to be relieved. But the 2/9th escaped with only five men wounded, which was remarkable considering the volume of fire.

The relief was completed at 10 p.m., at which hour the battalion occupied Memling Farm and neighbourhood. But Brigade Headquarters ordered the evacuation of the farm, as it was tactically useless and untenable; one other rank was killed during the time the battalion held this post.

The following morning at 5.30 a.m. the Brigadier arrived to inspect the disposition of the battalion. Each platoon had formed a strong point, and these were to be linked up later to form a trench line as part of a new system of trenches.

At 3 p.m. the 2/9th were ordered to send out three patrols, one to reconnoitre Memlin Farm, another to reconnoitre several concrete dug-outs at "Point V.8.a.1.5" (there is no other way in which to describe it), and a third to reconnoitre as far forward as Spider Cross Roads.

The first patrol found that the Boche had occupied Memling Farm and shell-holes in the neighbourhood and, after being fired on, returned. The second patrol found that the left advance part of "C" Company had occupied "V.8.a.1.5," *i.e.* shell holes which were sandbagged but not concreted.

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The patrol ordered to reconnoitre Spider Cross Roads was caught in a heavy barrage and seven men were affected by gas and, after lying out for over an hour, Second-Lieut. Voisey (in charge of the patrol) brought his men back to Louis Farm, where the gas casualties were handed over to the Medical Officer.

At about 11 p.m. a German deserter surrendered to one of "A" Company's posts, and was at once sent back to Brigade Headquarters for interrogation. At that time the enemy's barrage was still falling and continued until after midnight.

On the morning of the 4th Lieut.-Colonel Manger went round the line, the second-in-command following suit during the afternoon. Until 4 p.m. there was comparative quietude, though Boche aeroplanes were very active. From 4 p.m. onwards, however, the enemy put down a very heavy bombardment between Langemarck Corner and Au Bon Cité. Unfortunately the 2/10th were due to take over the line from the 2/9th at 5 p.m. The result was that both battalions caught the blast of the bombardment and suffered casualties. The 2/9th lost Captain R. A. Mountfield killed and Lieut.-Colonel E. V. Manger, and Capt. and Adjutant J. Wright wounded.

The 2/9th, however, though shelled unmercifully, had no mind to leave behind a large amount of salvage they had collected; they brought out with them, amongst other things, eight Lewis-guns and forty-two rifles, which were dumped at Huddlestone Camp—a most creditable performance. It was not an easy matter to "hump" salvage under shell-fire. On arrival in camp (between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. on the 5th) the men were served out with hot tea, mixed with rum, before turning in.

2/10th Battalion 4/5th October

Of the 2/10th there is little to record, on the relief being completed at midnight 4th/5th the battalion settled down for a short while in their shell holes. At 5 a.m. the Divisional Artillery shelled the Boche front line until 6 a.m. Consolidation and wiring were carried out by the 2/10th during the 5th, but that evening they were relieved by the 2/4th South Lancs., the relief being completed by 10 p.m., quite a respectable hour. The Liverpool Scottish then moved back to Huddlestone Camp, the last platoon arriving in at 7 a.m. on the 6th.

The casualties of the 2/10th during this tour in support and in the front line were 8 other ranks killed, 1 died of wounds and 34 wounded.

10th November

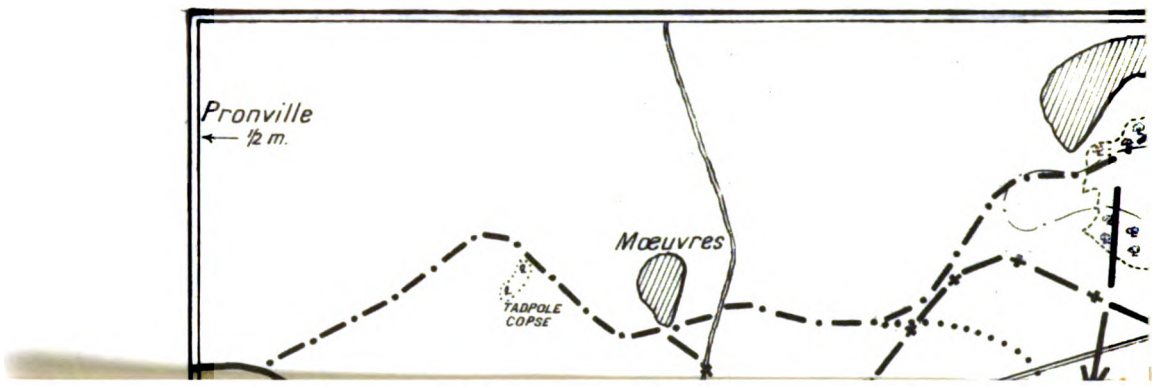
By the 10th of November that terrible struggle between men and mud was over—the mud had won; to attack further amidst the awful conditions of ground and weather was impossible. And so we settled down in the shell-hole line, in captured "pill boxes" and in muddy waterways, called trenches, for the remainder of the winter of 1917–1918.

In the Ypres Salient we could do no more, having done much that, a year or two previously, would have been deemed impossible.

The story now turns back again to the Somme area.

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CHAPTER XXXIV

THE CAMBRAI OPERATIONS: 20TH NOVEMBER–6TH DECEMBER, 1917 THE TANK ATTACK, NOVEMBER 21ST

INTRODUCTION

IN that part of Sir Douglas Haig's despatches which deal with the period immediately following the First Battle of Passchendaele (12th October), and before the Second Battle was fought, reference is made to the operations due to begin on the 20th of November, which subsequently became known as the Battle of Cambrai, 1917.

"By this time," he said (meaning just after 12th October), "the persistent continuation of wet weather had left no further room for hope that the condition of the ground would improve sufficiently to enable us to capture the remainder of the ridge this year." He referred to the Passchendaele Ridge. "By limited attacks made during intervals of better weather, however, it was still possible to progress as far as Passchendaele,[1] and in view of other projects which I had in view it was desirable to maintain the pressure on the Flanders front for a few weeks longer.

"To maintain his defences on this front the enemy had been obliged to reduce the garrisons of certain other parts of his line to a degree which justified the expectation that a sudden attack at a point where he did not expect it might attain a considerable local success. The front for such an attempt had been selected and plans had been quickly made. But certain preparations and movements of troops required time to complete, and the 20th of November had been fixed as the earliest date for the attack.

"No large force could be made available for this enterprise. The prospects of success, therefore, depended on complete secrecy and our maintaining sufficient activity in Flanders to induce the enemy to continue his concentration of troops in that theatre."

The portion of the German line selected for the surprise was that south-west of Cambrai, from east of Gonnelieu to the Canal du Nord, opposite Hermies, a frontage of about six miles.

Since the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line in April the German defences on this front had been considerably improved and extended, and at this period comprised three main systems of resistance:

"The first of these three trench systems, constituting part of the Hindenburg Line proper, ran in a general north-westerly direction for a distance of

[1] The village of Passchendaele (or rather its skeleton) was captured on the 6th of November.

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six miles from the Canal de L'Escaut (or the Scheldt Canal) at Banteaux to Havrincourt. There it turned abruptly north along the line of the Canal du Nord for a distance of four miles to Mœuvres, thus forming a pronounced salient on the German front.

"In advance of the Hindenburg Line the enemy had constructed a series of strong forward positions, including La Vacquerie and the north-eastern corner of Havrincourt Wood. Behind it, and at distances respectively varying from a little less to rather more than a mile, and from three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half miles, lay the second and third main German systems, known as the Hindenburg Reserve Line and the Beaurevoir, Masnieres, Marquion Lines."[1]

So strong was this portion of the enemy's line that he deemed it a suitable place to send tired and battle-worn troops from the Ypres Salient who required rest.

The attack was timed to begin at 6.20 a.m. and "Z" day was to be the 20th of November.

Tanks were to play a great part in the attack and no preliminary bombardment was to take place.

Six divisions were to make the initial infantry attack, *i.e.*, from right to left, 12th, 20th, 6th, 51st, 62nd and 36th; the 29th was to be in support under orders to "leap-frog" the forward line and attack further objectives, while cavalry were also to go through and exploit successes in the direction of Cambrai. The 55th Division, opposite Vendhuille, was to make demonstrations on the southern flank of this attack.

12th Battalion

Although other battalions of the Regiment came into the line and took part in battles, only one—the 12th King's of the 20th Division—was involved in the initial attack at "Zero" hour on the 20th of November.

The 20th Division was detailed to attack La Vacquerie and the powerful defences of the Welsh Ridge.

The 12th King's had arrived at Bapaume on the 3rd of October at about 10 a.m. On detraining the battalion had breakfast in an adjacent field and then marched off at 11.45 a.m. *via* Haplincourt, Barastre and Bus, to Ytres, where camp and billets were taken over. The 20th Division was now in the Third Corps of the Third Army. But the billets were only temporary, for on the 4th the Battalion left Ytres at 12.50 p.m. and, marching through Etricourt, Manancourt and Moislains, reached a camp near Haut-Allaines, where they remained until the 7th, filling in the time in training whenever the weather permitted. In motor buses the Battalion moved to Heudecourt on the 8th, where a camp was occupied for the night.

October

On the 9th the King's men, leaving camp at 2 p.m., moved up to reserve positions, two companies in Heudecourt village and two in trenches east of the village. On the 15th the Battalion took over front-line trenches opposite Honnecourt. The tour, which lasted until the 23rd, was uneventful, and on that date they were relieved by the 7th Somersets and took over support positions,

[1] Official Despatches.

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two companies in trenches near Gonnelieu, and two with Battalion Headquarters in Cemetery Road.

It was during this tour, out of the front line, that the battalion became aware that an attack of an unusual nature was to take place. The King's men were relieved by the 7th D.C.L.I. on the 5th of November and marched to Sorel-le-Grand, where a welcome draft of eight officers and 133 other ranks joined. For the next two days working parties were supplied, but on the latter date an advance party was sent off to Bray-sur-Somme. This party was followed by four hundred all ranks, including four officers, who first marched to Fins and left the latter place by train for Bray at 5.30 a.m. On arrival at the Loop Station, Bray, at 6.45 a.m., the King's marched to Third Special Brigade Workshops, three hundred yards away, and were accommodated in an old German prison camp. Near the camp was a "Tankodrome," where at 10 a.m. the Battalion paraded and practised attacks in conjunction with tanks until 1.30 p.m., and again from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The tanks also gave a demonstration of wire cutting and trench crossing.

The next morning the battalion again attended at the "Tankodrome" from 10 a.m. until 1.30 p.m., practising an attack on a large scale. That evening the King's men left Bray at 6 p.m. and reached Fins at 7.45 p.m., had tea, and then marched *via* Heudicourt and Villers-Guislain to the support line. At 3 a.m. on the 10th the Battalion moved up to the front line and relieved the 7th Somersets. Things were, however, very quiet. The Boche's chief activity was in the air, twelve machines flying low over the trenches during the day. The artillery carried out a short-range bombardment of the enemy's front line, in which the 6-in. and 9.45-in. trench mortars co-operated, the object being to detect any presence of gas cylinders in the enemy's front line. Whether the bombardment achieved its object is not related, but the enemy apparently made no response to the shelling. On the 13th he did venture to trench-mortar our front line but was quickly silenced by the guns.

At this period heavy mists prevailed—a blessing, for they hid the preparations going on behind the front lines, preparations which the Boche apparently did not discover.

On the 15th the battalion was relieved and again moved back to the support lines, with Battalion Headquarters in Cemetery Road. On the following day operation orders for the attack were received.

Of the six divisions which were to make the attack the 20th was the second from the right and was to attack with the 12th on the right and the 6th on the left.

The task allotted to the Division was that of breaking the enemy's defence lines (the Hindenburg Main and Support Lines) along its front. For this purpose two brigades were to be employed, *i.e.* 61st on the right, 60th on the left; the 59th was to be in reserve during the earlier stages of the operations, but with the 29th Division was then to go through the final objective line and capture Masnieres, Marcoing and the line of the Canal de L'Escaut.

The 61st Brigade was to attack in three waves, each wave accompanied

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by a wave of tanks, of which some four hundred odd had been concentrated along the whole front between Gonnelieu and Havrincourt.

Since the tank was first tried at Flers Courcelette on the 15th of September, 1916, it had passed through many vicissitudes; as an engine of war it was first enthusiastically welcomed and then rejected. But those who had invented it and knew its possibilities had persevered, and now, for the first time, tanks were to be given a real chance; in fact at Cambrai, in 1917, the tank was upon its trial. That it was highly successful and emerged from the battle with all the honours it deserved was due to the inventors and organisers and the gallantry of the personnel—the crews who worked the tanks.

There was to be no preliminary bombardment, and operation orders stated that "the only path through the enemy's wire would be along the tracks made by the tanks." These huge machines were of three kinds; wire-cutting tanks, fighting tanks and supply tanks, and they were to go forward in that order.

Each tank had on its back a huge fascine resting on a giant pair of arms; by an ingenious contrivance the fascine could be dropped into an unusually deep trench, across which the tank could then pursue its way without having to dip its nose, with the possibility of becoming stuck.

The 20th Division was allotted thirty-six tanks, the first wave being wire cutters.

The attack of the 61st Brigade was to be carried out as follows:—The 7th Somersets on the right and the 7th D.C.L.I. (less two companies) on the left, were to capture an intermediate objective, *i.e.* La Vacquerie and the system of trenches north-west of it. Each battalion was to be accompanied by nine tanks.

"A" and "B" Companies of the 12th King's (on the right) and the remaining two companies of D.C.L.I. (on the left), each accompanied by six tanks, were then to go through the intermediate objective and capture the Blue Line, which was the Hindenburg Main Line. The second objective, *i.e.* the Brown Line, was to be captured by "C" and "D" Companies of the 12th King's (right) and 7th K.O.Y.L.I. (left), each accompanied by three tanks, who were to capture and consolidate the Brown Line, *i.e*, the Hindenburg Support Line.

Ten minutes before "Zero" hour the leading tanks of the first wave were to advance. Such, briefly, were the orders issued to the King's men.

Everyone was looking forward to this attack with the liveliest enthusiasm. The tanks were expected to do what, hitherto, the guns had done—clear a way through the enemy's wire for the infantry to get through, overcome machine-gun nests, and smash up the enemy's defences generally. Never before had such a concentration of these steel monsters taken place.

On the 18th, the 12th King's were relieved in their support trenches and marched off across country to a camp at Railton, near Heudecourt. Here final preparations were made by the battalion. At 4.47 a.m. on the 19th, the King's men left Railton Camp and made their way to their assembly positions

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opposite La Vacquerie, which was almost in the enemy's front line, opposite the right of the 61st Brigade sector.

THE TANK ATTACK: 20TH–21ST NOVEMBER

"Zero" had been fixed for 6.20 a.m. on the 20th. But long before that hour the assaulting troops were ready in their assembly positions. The utmost secrecy had been preserved, but it was impossible to tell whether the enemy had detected preparations for the attack. A C.R.A. of one of the attacking divisions gives an interesting picture of the tense situation the night before the battle opened:— 20th October

"The night of the 19th was a very anxious time and will long be remembered by all who took part in the battle. It was impossible to tell whether the enemy had any suspicions of what was in store for him. He might even have known all about it, and this was the more possible as he had made a raid two nights before the battle and had captured one or two of our men. There was a chance that he might have wormed some information out of them, for an uneducated man may often give away valuable information quite innocently, out of pure ignorance or indiscretion. If he did know, the enemy might wreck the attack before it began by bombarding the long line of guns, which had the most definite orders on no account to fire a round till 6.20 a.m., when the attack was to be launched. As it happened, the Boche showed great uneasiness and fired very heavily during the night, though fortunately not on any vital places. We listened to the firing in great suspense and watched the flashes of the shells bursting apparently very near the line of guns, but one could get no information of attack, for no telephones were allowed until the moment of attack, lest indiscreet things might be said and tapped by the enemy's listening operators. At 5.45 a.m. there was a particularly furious burst of firing which died down a few minutes before 6 a.m., and was succeeded by a dead silence during which one could fancy one heard the anxious beating of fifty-thousand hearts.

"Did the Boche know?

"Had he some infernal surprise for us?"[1]

Two minutes to "Zero" and still no sign from the enemy. The synchronised watches touched 6.20 a.m. and there was a terrific crash, a clap as of a thousand thunderstorms, an ear-splitting roar, as death and destruction fell upon the enemy's trenches. Almost immediately the tanks were rumbling and waddling across No Man's Land like strange prehistoric animals. They tore through the enemy's wire, fell upon his trenches, crushing machine-guns, and those brave Germans who frantically worked their guns until the last, into the soft earth. Then, lifting themselves from the enemy's front line, they passed on towards his second system.

[1] General Ludendorff states in his book, *My War Memories:* "We were expecting a continuation of the attacks in Flanders and on the French front, when on the 20th of November we were surprised by a fresh blow at Cambrai."

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By this time the attacking infantry had also swept across No Man's Land, and before the dazed and demoralised Germans could recover, they were either forced to surrender, beat a retreat to their dug-outs, or make a bolt for it overground back towards their rear defences. There were not many who withstood that avalanche of tanks and British infantry.

As already stated, the first wave of tanks had advanced at 6.10 a.m. They were followed at "Zero" by the second wave and their accompanying infantry.

Of the actual fighting few details exist, *i.e.* so far as the King's men were concerned. The Battalion Diary of the 12th King's has only the following brief narrative: "Battalion, with tanks co-operating, attacked at 6.20 a.m. First objective was R.10.d.2.6.–R.16.b.8.2. Second objective R.5.b.central–L.35.C.6.2. All objectives taken. Battalion Headquarters established at R.10.d.2.3." The brigade narrative is a little more informative.

By 9.10 a.m. La Vacquerie Corner Work and the adjoining trenches had been "mopped up," some eighty prisoners, six machine-guns, two trench mortars captured and consolidation begun. The second wave of tanks with accompanying infantry (the King's were among them) passed through and attacked the Hindenburg main line without a hitch. There was more opposition here, and owing to the right of the brigade being a little behind, the 12th King's suffered rather heavily. Hostile shelling, at no time heavy, was confined to the valleys, and from this source casualties were comparatively light.

The whole of the Blue Line had been captured by 10 a.m.

By this time the third wave of tanks with infantry had reorganised and was pressing through towards the Brown Line. But now the attackers came up against a strong natural position, strengthened by broad belts of wire and more heavily garrisoned. Some desperate fighting took place before the K.O.Y.L.I., with great dash, carried the place.

North of the Hindenburg Support Line were many gun pits, and in most of these the enemy held out until the last, the guns firing point blank at the approaching tanks. On the right the 12th King's saw heavy fighting and took many prisoners. By 11 a.m. the Brown Line had also been captured, and troops of the 59th Brigade and 29th Division passed through towards Masnieres and Crevecœur.

By 12.30 p.m. the 61st Brigade, having captured and reorganised both the Blue and Brown Lines on its front, was ready to move forward again.

At 3.40 p.m. the Somersets had moved to Les Rues Vertes (on the outskirts of Masnieres), the 7th K.O.Y.L.I. and the 12th King's were occupying the Brown Line, and the 7th D.C.L.I. the Hindenburg Main and Support Lines.

On the 21st, the 12th King's moved forward to take over some positions from the Somersets near Les Rues Vertes, thence to a neighbouring sunken road, but there is no mention of fighting on this date, so far as the battalion was concerned. Their losses in the attack (for the two days) had been 1 officer killed, 7 officers wounded, 19 other ranks killed, 138 wounded and 4 missing.

On the right of the 12th Division the 55th, holding the line from opposite

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Vendhuille nearly to Banteaux, had assisted in the operations by attacking Gillemont Farm and The Knoll.

After the 55th Division had been withdrawn from the Battles of Ypres, 1917, orders were received on the 25th of September to proceed by rail to the IVth Corps area, the divisional detraining station being Bapaume. The 164th Brigade on arrival was located at Lechelle, the 165th occupied the Bapaume area and the 166th Beaulencourt. On the 27th the 55th Division was ordered to relieve the 35th Division in the line (IIIrd Corps area) between the 29th of September and the 5th of October.

The 166th Brigade went first into the line, which the Brigade Diary refers to as the Epehy sector (really the left sub-sector); the 165th Brigade relieved the 105th Brigade in the Gillemont Farm sector on the 2nd of October, the 1/5th and 1/6th King's going into the front line, the 1/7th in support in Lempire and the 1/9th in reserve; the 164th Brigade was in Divisional Reserve in the Aizecourt-le-Bas area.

1/5th, 1/6th, 1/7th, and 1/9th Battalions

2nd October

The line was apparently in poor condition, for the 1/10th King's on the 1st of October report that "much work was necessary on the trenches and large parties were employed both by day and night improving parapets and widening trenches." Fortunately the enemy was generally inactive, excepting occasional bursts of shrapnel and fire from a few 77 mms. No Man's Land was patrolled each night, and much information was obtained as to the enemy's wire and defences.

1/10th Battalion

This tour was apparently uneventful, and on the 13th the 1/9th King's relieved the 1/10th, the latter moving back to billets in Villers-Faucon.

An officer of the 1/9th thus describes the front line: "The sector was very different from any sector the battalion had occupied. There was no trench system comprising front and support trenches. The front was held by means of isolated posts occupied by a platoon or a company as the case might be, and these posts were linked up by means of communication trenches so that they could be visited. There being little artillery (fire) on either side the whole sector was very quiet, and as the lines were far apart there was little sniping.

1/9th Battalion

The 1/5th King's, who took over the right sub-sector, 165th Brigade front, report things generally as very quiet, and their tour had been uneventful when it ended on the night of the 7th/8th; the 1/6th similarly do not record any event of importance; both the 1/7th and 1/9th Battalions, who had relieved respectively the 1/5th and 1/6th, confirm the quietude of the front line. The 1/8th (Liverpool Irish), who went into the front line on the night of the 13th, have nothing to report.

From the battalion point of view October passed quietly, and on the 30th the 164th Brigade held the right sub-sector, which ran from east of Lempire to the Catalet road, just west of Ossus Wood; the 166th Brigade the left sub-sector which extended from Catalet road northwards as far as Twenty-two Ravine. The 165th Brigade was in divisional reserve in the Tincourt area.

The 165th Brigade relieved the 164th in the right sub-sector on the 1st of November, the 1/9th King's taking over the left and the 1/6th the right.

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At 4 a.m. on the 4th the enemy opened a hurricane bombardment with 5.9s, 4.2s, 77s and trench mortars on the right sub-sector, *i.e.* the 1/6th King's. This bombardment lasted sixteen minutes and was particularly heavy, all communications to the front line being shelled vigorously. A raid was evidently intended. The enemy's raiders, as soon as their guns lifted off the front line, advanced in three parties against the left company ("B") of the King's men in Glen Lane. Two of these parties were beaten off and retired discomfited. The other party succeeded in penetrating the line on either side of Post No. 11. Their stay was short, for after exactly one minute they were ejected. All posts fought extremely well and No. 10 Post, in charge of Corporal Price, is specially mentioned. The 1/6th lost in this affair 1 other rank killed, 1 officer (Second-Lieut. Morris) and 4 other ranks wounded and 2 other ranks missing, who were apparently captured in a dug-out at the point where the enemy entered the trench.

On the 17th of November the 164th Brigade again took over the line from the 165th Brigade, the latter moving back once more to the Tincourt area.

Little happened in the sector held by the 166th Brigade before the attack of the 20th of November. The 1/10th King's occupied trenches near Epehy. On the 14th two parties, each of one N.C.O. and nineteen other ranks, were attached to the 165th Infantry Brigade.

As already stated, the 164th Brigade relieved the 165th on the 17th of November, the 1/8th King's on the previous night taking over the line in the centre sub-sector held by the 1/7th Battalion.

The 164th Brigade had been ordered to make the attack on the 20th of November and had spent most of the time previous to the 17th of November practising for the forthcoming operations.

1/8th Battalion 17th November

Brigade Operation Orders stated that the 1/4th Royal Lancasters, on the right, were to attack and capture Gillemont Farm, the 1/8th (Liverpool Irish), in the centre, were to assault Knoll Trench, communication trench and support, Willow and Lone Tree Tracks; on the left the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers were to capture The Knoll.

The 1/8th King's were to attack on a three-company frontage in the order "D," "C," "B," from right to left, "D" Company being in three waves and "C" and "B" each in two waves. "A" Company was to supply two platoons as "moppers up" to "D" Company, while "C" and "B" Companies were to find their own clearing parties.

The 165th Brigade, though not taking an actual part in the attack, was distributed as follows: 1/5th King's in Ken Lane, Sart Lane and Grafton Post, under the orders of the G.O.C., 164th Brigade; 1/6th and 1/7th King's in Divisional Reserve. To the 1/9th King's an unusual task had been allotted. They were to assimilate an attack by using dummy figures and a dummy tank in order to deceive the enemy. There were to be four lines of figures put out south of the Birdcage near Oldham Street. At "Zero" the figures were to be raised by ropes. The dummy tank was to be taken along a track and pushed up Oldham Street as far as possible without being seen by the enemy before "Zero."

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At "Zero" the tank was to be pushed forward by means of an anchor and a pulley.

On the night of the 19th/20th the 1/8th King's assembled on the line Island Traverse–Cochran Avenue (both inclusive), having on their right, west of Gillemont Farm, the 1/4th Royal Lancasters and on their immediate left, from Cochran Avenue to Fleeceall Post, the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers. 19/20th November

The assembly operations were carried out in silence and were completed without incident by 2.30 a.m. on the 20th. The enemy apparently had no knowledge or suspicion of the forthcoming attack. Gaps had been cut in our wire and ladders were placed all ready for the assault at "Zero" hour.

At about 5 a.m. the enemy suddenly fired a salvo of 5.9s, 4.2s, and 77 mms. on Fag Trench, and an hour later six salvoes in rapid succession on Fag Trench, Island Traverse and Daniel Trench. A number of these shells dropped into the trench where the King's men were assembled and caused several casualties.

Everyone began to wonder if the Boche had discovered that an attack was imminent. Certainly he appeared to be much more ready to defend his trenches on this, the southern extremity of the battle, than he was further north. For no sooner had a barrage fallen at "Zero" hour than he replied almost simultaneously.

The advance began at "Zero" plus twenty-four minutes. The hostile barrage was still falling on our trenches while the enemy had also put down a machine-gun barrage on, and in front of, our wire, which naturally caused losses among the troops. But in spite of these difficulties the advance was continued, the formations being well kept. But about half-way across No Man's Land an enfilade machine-gun barrage from the right (Willow Trench) caused further losses. By this time also nearly every leading man of section columns had been shot down by snipers.

On the leading wave reaching the wire, close behind our barrage, they found the entanglements had been hardly touched by our guns. Splendid efforts were made by company and platoon commanders to cut the wire or break a way through: wire cutters, bricks, Lewis-guns, were all brought into play to effect a passage through the wire, while Rifle Grenadiers endeavoured to keep the enemy's heads down. The latter, however, brought heavy machine-gun fire and rifle fire on the gallant Liverpool Irish as they tried to break through the wire, and pelted the Irishmen as well with showers of bombs and grenades. In the face of this resistance, and being unable to penetrate the wire, the King's men had to desist.

"The behaviour of all ranks," records the Battalion Narrative of Operations on the 20th, "under exceptionally trying circumstances, was magnificent."

The order to withdraw was then given and, falling back in good order and under cover of Lewis-gun fire, the survivors of the battalion reached their own trenches.

Reorganisation was at once begun and another attempt had been projected. The latter, however, was later abandoned as the attack on the right of the 1/8th King's had also ended in failure.

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At 5.15 p.m. the 1/8th King's took over the front line from Island Traverse to Fleeceall Post, and on the 22nd/23rd were relieved by the 1/5th King's.

The Battalion Narrative ends with the following remarks by the C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel E. C. Heath): "In conclusion, I desire to place on record the excellent work of Captains A. A. Carberry and W. T. Ball, commanding the left and right companies respectively, and Sergt. S. Fraser who took command of the centre company after all his officers had fallen: who, in spite of great difficulties and in face of exceptional danger, made repeated endeavours to overcome the obstacle caused by the enemy's wire, and who handled their men with marked ability under circumstances of very great difficulty."

"Further, I desire to mention the heroic conduct of Company Sergt.-Major H. Cornall, M.M., who, under heavy fire from rifles, machine-guns and bombs, endeavoured to cut a passage in the wire and, failing, dragged himself across the remaining portion of the obstacle and succeeded in reaching the enemy's parapet, where he fell mortally wounded."

Nine officers and 119 other ranks (killed, wounded and missing) the Liverpool Irish lost in this attack.

1/9th Battalion

Of the demonstration with the dummy tank and figures *The Story of the 9th King's in France* says: "Shortly after 'Zero' these were put in operation by means of wires. Naturally the battalion came in for a good deal of the retaliatory fire of the enemy, but few casualties took place. Incidentally the enemy claimed to have repulsed an attack on this front, from which it follows that the dummies had been efficacious."

21st November

On the night of the 21st the 1/9th King's brought in the dummies.

By the evening of the 21st the British line ran approximately as follows:

"From our old front line east of Gonnelieu the right flank of our new position lay along the eastern slopes of the Bonavis Ridge, passing east of Lateau Wood and striking the Masnieres–Beaurevoir Line north of the Canal de L'Escaut at a point about half-way between Crevecœur and Masnieres. From this point our line ran roughly north-west, past and including Masnieres, Noyelles, and Cantaing to Fontaine, also inclusive. Thence it bent back to the south for a short distance, making a sharp salient round the latter village, and ran in a general westerly direction along the southern edge of Bourlon Wood and across the southern face of the spur to the west of the Wood, to the Canal du Nord, south-east of the village of Mœuvres. From Mœuvres the line linked up once more with our old front at a point about midway between Boursies and Pronville."

Thus, the positions attained in the tank attack, 20th–21st of November.

But now a critical stage had arrived in the operations, and it is better perhaps to give the situation in Sir Douglas Haig's own words:

"The forty-eight hours after which it had been calculated that the enemy's reserves would begin to arrive had in effect expired, and the high ground at Bourlon Village and Wood still remained in the enemy's possession. It now became necessary to decide whether to continue the operation offensively or to take up a defensive attitude and rest content with what had been attained."

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But the latter alternative was impossible: "It was not possible, however, to let matters stand as they were. The positions captured by us north of Flesquieres were completely commanded by the Bourlon Ridge, and unless this Ridge were gained it would be impossible to hold them, except at excessive cost. If I decided not to go on, a withdrawal to the Flesquieres Ridge would be necessary and would have to be carried out at once."

Rightly or wrongly Sir Douglas Haig decided to go on.

In that decision may be found an interesting speculation, for it had a material effect four months later on the great German offensive on the Somme in March 1918. It was the Flesquieres Salient (though formed after the date to which Sir Douglas Haig refers in the above quotation) which broke up the cohesion of the inner flanks of the XVIIth and IInd German Armies as they attacked westwards between the 21st and 27th of March.

Having made the decision to continue the operations, Sir Douglas Haig then ordered an attack on Bourlon Wood and Village, and the high ground west of the latter. But inasmuch as the front of attack lay north of Marcoing and north-west of the Canal de L'Escaut, the 20th Division took no part in the operations, with the exception of holding the positions gained.

Meanwhile other divisions had been brought up to relieve those which had already borne a heavy part in the fighting, and among the new arrivals was the 2nd Division. In the subsequent operations, therefore, the King's were likely to play (and did actually play) an important part in what was one of the heaviest counter-attacks launched along the Western Front during the whole course of the Great War.

The struggle for the possession of Bourlon Wood and Village raged fiercely between the 23rd and 28th of November. On several occasions the village had been entered but had to be evacuated again owing to heavy counter-attacks. On the 28th we held a strong position on the Bourlon Hill and in the Wood, but still had not succeeded in gaining all the ground required for securing that important position.

12th Battalion 21st November

We left the 12th King's digging posts near Rue de Vignes on the night of the 21st. The next day they moved to some old German gun pits in the neighbourhood and remained there until the 25th. On the 23rd they were heavily shelled and suffered twenty-two casualties. On the night of the 25th they moved again into support at Les Rues Vertes. They went into the front line on the night of the 28th/29th, which consisted of posts south-west of St. Waast.

The Battalion Diary of the 12th King's on the 29th reports: "Comparatively quiet."

On the night of the 26th of November the 2nd Division had relieved the 36th Division in the line south-west of Bourlon Village. The division had only that morning completed its detrainment at Lebucquiere (5th Brigade), Doignies (6th Brigade) and Beaumetz (99th Brigade) from the Wormhoudt area.

1st Battalion 2nd July

The 1st King's (6th Brigade) were last mentioned on the 30th of June, training and refitting at Gorre. They were back again in the front line, in the

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Givenchy sector, on the 2nd of July, but the first three weeks of the month passed without incident of more than ordinary interest. Trench warfare was normal but (as so often explained) the term is comparative, meaning that no attacks were made on or by the enemy. Yet all the time war was being waged and gallant men were sacrificing their lives; the line was maintained by ceaseless vigilance.

On the 23rd, however, the battalion was ordered to raid the enemy. These orders were only a confirmation of verbal orders given earlier in the month, for between the 15th and 18th, when the King's were in the line, the enemy's trenches were reconnoitred for raiding purposes and when, on the 19th, the battalion was relieved and moved back again to Gorre, the raiding parties (already detailed) carried out special training from the 20th to the 23rd over a taped course.

25/26th July

Less the raiding party, the battalion returned to the Givenchy right sub-sector on the 24th. The raid was to take place on the night of the 25th/26th of July.

The German trenches to be raided were in the neighbourhood of the Red Dragon Crater, and the intentions of the raid were as usual—do as much damage as possible, kill as many of the enemy as possible, and bring back prisoners for identification purposes.

"C" and "D" Companies supplied the raiding parties, which consisted of four ("W," "X," "Y" and "Z") split up again into smaller portions.

"Zero" hour was at 10.30 p.m.

This raid was not successful in obtaining identifications or in inflicting many casualties on the enemy, for apparently the enemy was not "surprised." Almost immediately the operations began the Germans barraged their front line and No Man's Land. Some of the raiders succeeded in reaching the enemy's trenches but found them empty.

The King's men lost in this raid two officers wounded, one man killed, six wounded and nine missing. Second-Lieut. Goadby[1] and Sergeant Fraser are mentioned as doing specially good work, not only in preparing for the raid but for the "cheerful, soldierly spirit displayed by them during this operation."

August

August was a comparatively uneventful month and casualties were small. Lieut. A. L. S. Thomson was wounded on the 18th. The battalion had a new C.O., for Lieut.-Colonel Norris had been evacuated to hospital on the 1st, and command of the 1st King's was taken over by Major G. M. Knight. On the 1st of September Second-Lieut. J. Liddiard was accidentally wounded—the only officer casualty during the month.

1st October

A small affair took place on the 1st of October: the enemy, during the afternoon, had blown a mine in No Man's Land. As soon as dusk had fallen Captain A. T. Hunt and Second-Lieut. G. M. Handley, with twelve other ranks, went out and established a post on the crater lip; they also bombed a post which the enemy had established on the far lip. Second-Lieut. Handley

[1] Subsequently awarded the Military Cross.

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was seriously wounded in this affair, and one other rank was killed and two wounded. The following morning during "stand to" Second-Lieut. J. Liddiard, who was going out to the new post, was wounded by a sniper.

The battalion was relieved and moved back to Beuvry on the night of the 5th/6th and on the 7th marched to Burbure. The 2nd Division was relieved in the line on the 8th and moved back for rest and training to the Auchel area. On the 20th Lieut.-Colonel G. M. Knight relinquished command of the 1st King's and was succeeded by Major D. M. Murray-Lyon.

Until the 5th of November the battalion remained at Burbure, but on that date (the 2nd Division having been ordered to move to the Wromhouldt area) the King's men marched to Les Ciseaux, on the 6th to Steenvoorde and on the 7th to Houtkerque. At the latter place training was continued until the 23rd, when the 2nd Division moved south.[1] 5th November

The King's men (in brigade) arrived at Rocquigny and rested throughout the 24th; on the 25th they marched to Doignies where they put up in bivouacs and gun pits for the night. At 8 a.m. on the 26th they moved forward to the left support trenches in front of Mœuvres. 26th November

THE GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK: 30TH NOVEMBER

Towards the close of November the German guns were observed to be increasingly active in the registration of targets. Behind the enemy's lines large numbers of troops were reported in movement, while at night sounds were heard as of a great deal of transport moving along the roads. To trained observers these things had only one meaning—that, at an early date, the enemy intended making further attempts to regain the ground we had taken from him.

The area in which these things were taking place was that in front of our advance, and extended to Vendhuille and beyond. From the disposition of the enemy's massed infantry, however, it was obvious that the principal attack would be made in the Bourlon sector, for the high ground about the village and wood were of considerable tactical importance, and we only held a portion of it. It was, therefore, highly probable that the enemy would endeavour to regain all of it.

Our line at this period, from opposite Vendhuille on the south to a point where the Canal du Nord cuts the Bapaume–Cambrai road on the north, formed a large salient—and salients have ever been attractive to an enemy. The salient we held faced east, north-east and north-west. The eastern side was held by the 55th, 12th and 20th Divisions (from opposite Vendhuille to the north-eastern extremity of the Bonavis Ridge); the north-eastern face from Masnieres (inclusive) to Bourlon Wood (also inclusive) was held by the 29th, 6th, 59th and 47th Divisions; the north-western face was shared partly by the 47th Division and almost wholly by the 2nd Division, the latter being disposed on a

[1] One point in connection with this period of training is worth mentioning: special attention was given to musketry and rapid firing, with the result that all battalions, when they moved down south to go into the line again, could fire at the pre-war rate of fifteen rounds a minute.

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line from the high ground west of Bourlon Wood, thence back almost to the Bapaume–Cambrai road, but turning sharply in a north-westerly direction south of Mœuvres and joining up with the 56th Division, which held a line south of Tadpole Copse.

Thus some nine divisions held the line on the night of the 29th of November and six were in reserve.

Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on the morning of the 30th the enemy, after a short but intense artillery preparation, attacked on the greater part of a front of ten miles from Vendhuille to Masnieres.

The official despatches state that: "From Masnieres to Banteux, both inclusive, four German divisions would seem to have been employed against three British divisions holding this area (29th, 20th and 12th Divisions). Between Banteux, exclusive, and Vendhuille one German division and portions of two others were employed against the northern half of the British division holding that front (55th Division)."

All these divisions had been engaged in fighting, but the German divisions were mostly fresh troops and some of them had lately returned from the Russian front.

It is rather extraordinary that whereas the enemy's heaviest attacks were made on the northern and north-western face of the salient General Ludendorff states that "the main effort was to be made on the southern part of the battlefield in the direction of Banteux and Gouzeaucourt, while a subsidiary attack was to be made west of Bourlon in a direction due south." The course of the battle does not support the latter statement by the Chief of the German General Staff.

After the successful operations north of the 55th Division on the 20th and 21st of November, there was a possibility that the enemy troops facing the division might withdraw to the Hindenburg Line on the eastern side of the St. Quentin Canal. From the 21st to the 25th, therefore, active patrolling took place, but the enemy showed no signs of vacating his forward positions and was often found to be more on the alert than usual.

About the 26th and 27th movement behind the enemy's lines was above the normal, especially opposite the left brigade front. It was supposed that a relief was taking place. But on the 28th the G.O.C. Division, making a tour of inspection of the forward areas, noticed that the enemy's guns were registering various targets, particularly Little Priel Farm. The German artillery had frequently used this Farm for registration purposes, but never with such a volume of fire. Obviously many *new* batteries were being registered.

The G.O.C. accordingly issued the following warning to Brigadiers and all C.Os.:—

28th November "Certain indications during to-day (28th November) point to the possibility of enemy making an attack against our front. All troops will be warned to be specially on the alert in trenches and all posts. Special patrols will be sent out at 4 a.m. to watch for enemy movement. Artillery will open fire on enemy front line in bursts commencing at 5 a.m. Most likely places of enemy concentration to be selected by B.Gs.C., Infantry Brigades, and Group Commanders

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in consultation. In case of enemy attack all trenches and posts will be held to the last at all costs, and there will be no retirement from any line to another line. Actions of troops available for counter-attack will be considered now. All machine-guns will be warned to be specially on the look out for S.O.S. signals. From 5 a.m., 29th inst., 1/4th North Lancs. will be ready to move at half-hour's notice from receipt of orders. Remainder of 164th Infantry Brigade will be ready to move at one hour's notice from same time. Sentries and patrols will be specially watchful for any signs of enemy gaps in his wire to-night."

Patrols reported nothing unusual across No Man's Land with the exception that on the night of the 28th/29th there appeared to be an almost entire absence of work in the enemy's lines, and sounds of transport and much movement. Similarly throughout the 29th the roads and back areas behind the enemy's front line were busy with traffic.

A disposition map of the 55th Divisional Headquarters, dated the 28th of November, gives the Divisional front as extending from New Post on the south and due east of Ronsoy to just north of the Banteux Ravine, North.

1/5th, 1/6th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 1/9th, 1/10th Battalions

The 165th Brigade held the right sub-sector, the 166th the left, the dividing line between the two Brigades being an east to west line directly west of Ossus Wood. The 164th Brigade was in reserve in the Tincourt area. Of the 165th Brigade the 1/7th King's were on the right, the 1/5th in the centre and 1/6th on the left; the 1/9th were in support in dug-outs in Lempire. The 166th Brigade held the line with the 1/10th King's on the right (in the Ossus sub-sector), 1/5th Loyal North Lancs. in the centre and 1/5th South Lancs. on the left. The 1/8th King's, of the 164th Brigade, were at Hamel, though under half-an-hour's notice to move.

29/30th November

The night of the 29th/30th was exceptionally quiet, and although the troops had been warned that the enemy might attack, "stand to" on the 30th passed without any signs of the enemy. But at 7.5 a.m. the enemy's guns suddenly broke the stillness of the morning and soon a very heavy gas barrage was in progress near the left battalion of the 165th Brigade (1/6th King's), all roads and tracks in the neighbourhood being subjected to a very violent bombardment. Simultaneously with the barrage the enemy, in great numbers, attacked Fleeceall Post, Eagle Quarry and The Birdcage (roughly the centre of the divisional front) and the front-line trenches of the 166th Brigade.

The right of the Brigade front, held by the 1/7th King's, was not attacked, the Battalion Diary disposing of the whole day's operations in six words: "Enemy attack on our left commenced." Along the front of the 1/5th King's the enemy attacked Fleeceall and Grafton Posts, but was met by such heavy and well-directed fire that he was forced to fall back and gained not a foot of ground; the Battalion Diary of the 1/5th states "the enemy attacked positions on our immediate left. He was beaten off at Grafton and Fleeceall Posts."

1/6th Battalion

The 1/6th King's suffered very heavily from the enemy's barrage. They state that the Birdcage and the Ossus Wood sector fell into the enemy's hands, "there being very few men left alive in the front line, from reports received, to offer much resistance after the barrage lifted." The supports, however, in

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Heythrop and Cruciform Posts were not so badly affected as to be incapable of resistance, for they put up a very stubborn fight and flung back the enemy, though they could not prevent him occupying Little Priel Farm; from that place he was eventually driven out. Great numbers of the enemy, pushing down the Catelet Valley, seized Holts' Bank and support posts on the extreme left flank of the 1/6th King's.

The reserve company had re-formed in the meantime at Battalion Headquarters, which were situated on the Lempire road in rear of Heythrop Post. One platoon of this company was then sent to Holts' Bank, but they could not re-occupy it as the enemy was in too great a strength; the other platoon was sent up to strengthen various supporting posts. The left flank of the Battalion was very much in the air and various flank defences had to be improvised. During the evening the 1/9th King's reinforced the 1/6th and the latter were able to "hold on."

1/9th Battalion

The narrative contained in the diary of the 1/9th Battalion is the most interesting of the records of the operations kept by the King's men of the 165th Brigade. It is, therefore, given *in extenso:* "On this day the 165th Infantry Brigade was holding from Gillemont Farm to Catelet road in the Lempire sector. The 7th King's Liverpool Regiment was on the right holding the Gillemont Farm sub-sector, the 5th King's Liverpool Regiment the centre sub-sector comprising Ego, Fleeceall and Grafton Posts, and the 6th King's Liverpool Regiment held the left sub-sector comprising the Birdcage. The 9th King's Liverpool Regiment were in support to the whole Brigade. . . . It had been reported that the 183rd Infantry Division was holding the enemy line. The dispositions of the battalion were: "A" and "D" Companies were in Sandbag Alley, "C" Company in dug-outs on the Lempire road, and "B" Company distributed over the three strong points, Zebra, Yak and Lempire East and Centre. Battalion Headquarters were in Lempire. Information had been received the day before that an enemy attack was imminent and the battalion stood to arms at 5 a.m. At this time everything was as usual. About 7.15 a.m. the enemy commenced a heavy bombardment of the brigade sector using *Minnenwerfer* bombs against the Birdcage, heavy howitzer shells against the supporting points in rear including Battalion Headquarters, and also gas shells, both phosphorous and lachrymatory and mustard oil, which were fired at all targets. After a bombardment of about twenty minutes the enemy attacked and captured the Birdcage and Holts' Bank. His further advance in the brigade sector was arrested by the 6th King's who, in Grafton and Fleeceall Posts, inflicted sanguinary losses on the enemy. The 166th Brigade was unfortunately overcome and the enemy occupied Kildare, Limerick and Meath Posts. He was able to continue his advance almost to the village of Epehy. It is supposed that after being held up in Cruciform Post he formed a defensive flank along Stone Lane. The gravity of the situation was not apparent from the positions the companies were occupying. The gas alarm had been given and reassuring messages were sent to Battalion Headquarters and from one company to another. Various runners began to come through and about 9.30 a.m.

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the G.S.O. 2 of the Divisional Staff arrived at Battalion Headquarters and explained that the Birdcage had been lost and that the enemy had broken through on the left. A message was sent to companies that a dismounted brigade of cavalry would take over the battalion sector and that companies were to hold themselves in readiness for counter-attack.

"About 11 a.m. the C.O. went forward and selected a line along which to dig a trench to protect the north side of Lempire. He pointed this out to the Company Commanders and "A," "C" and "D" Companies immediately commenced to dig. In about two hours "A" and "D" Companies had got well down. Their work was somewhat impeded by a squadron of about a dozen low-flying enemy planes which kept circling around and firing on the men as they were digging. The 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers arrived at Lempire and took up a position along the Lempire-Epehy road, flanking the 9th King's on the left. Officers of the 2nd Lancers of a dismounted cavalry brigade then arrived at Headquarters. They were making arrangements to take over from this battalion when they were withdrawn and some officers of the 8th Queen's reported that they had been sent up as supports for the Lempire sector.

"About 1.30 p.m. "C" Company was detailed to go and occupy Priel Cutting. After sending out a patrol of Second-Lieut. Wheeler and five men to reconnoitre No. 13 Copse and Priel Cutting, "C" Company left for Priel Cutting at about 2.30 p.m., proceeding *via* Malassise Cross Roads and, owing to enemy aerial activity, the advance had taken artillery formation up to No. 12 Copse, where they halted. They then took up a position and dug in.

"About 5.30 p.m. "B" Company was ordered to reinforce the 6th King's at the Nest. They proceeded there immediately; two platoons were sent forward to reinforce Heythrop Post and Cruciform Post, and the remaining two platoons were kept at Battalion Headquarters. They worked during the night connecting Bird Lane and The Nest with a communication trench.

"When first two platoons of the 8th Queen's arrived they were first quartered in the farmyard opposite Headquarters, from which they proceeded to take over posts evacuated by "B" Company.

"When the remainder of the Queen's arrived they were sent to take up a position and dig in parallel to the Lempire road and in front of the village, which they did about 9 p.m. These dispositions were maintained until dawn."

During the night Regimental Sergt.-Major Roberts with a few of his ration party visited Catelet Copse and the lower portions of Holts' Bank, whence they brought back four bicycles without interruption from the enemy.

Thus the story of the 165th Brigade on the 30th of November.

The 166th Brigade had a heavier task.

1/10th Battalion

The right of the 1/10th King's (Liverpool Scottish) rested on the Catelet road, west of Ossus Wood; the left was just south of Fawcus Avenue. In the front line were four posts, numbered from right to left Ossus Post Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. In rear of No. 4 was Pigeon Quarry with another small quarry south of it, *i.e.* Tyhurst Quarry. From Ossus No. 2 a communication trench

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ran westwards to the Adelphi and Limerick Post, whence from the latter another communication trench—Kildare Trench—led south-east to Kildare Post; Limerick Trench ran north-west from Limerick Post to Heath Post. A communication trench—Strong Lane—led westwards from Ossus No. 1 to Dados Post.

The above were the main communications and posts in the area of the Liverpool Scottish. Each of the Ossus Posts was garrisoned by one platoon. Three platoons were at Pigeon Quarry, three at Tyhurst Quarry, two at Kildare Post, two at The Adelphi, two in Limerick Post.

Battalion Headquarters were at the apex of four cross roads at The Adelphi.

The 1/5th Loyal North Lancs. were on the left of the 1/10th King's, 1/5th South Lancs. on the left of the Loyal North Lancs.; the 1/5th Royal Lancasters were in rear of the King's men.

The 166th Brigade was disposed as above on the night of the 28th.

29/30th November

Through the 29th/30th, patrols were out in No Man's Land, with special orders to get close up to the enemy's wire and look out for gaps in it, cut by the enemy himself, to ensure free egress for his troops preparatory to attacking. Again at 4 a.m. on the 30th special patrols were sent out by all battalions for the same purpose. The night was quiet and all patrols returned with the information that the situation was normal.

The Liverpool Scottish report that both throughout the 28th and 29th the enemy's artillery was more active than usual, and his guns were evidently registering on various parts of the battalion area.

At 7 a.m. the Boche guns opened fire on all trenches, posts and occupied areas in the Battalion sector; his trench mortars also put a heavy barrage on the front-line posts. At about 8 a.m. he attacked in great force. Along the front of the 166th Brigade his attacks fell most heavily against the defences of Villers Guislain and the Catelet road, his plan of attack being evidently to penetrate the line at certain points, then turn north and south and attack other parts of the defences from flank and rear.

The right front company of the Liverpool Scottish, with the exception of the extreme right, held up the attack. But the extreme right was the danger point and the Boche, having broken through, swarmed along the Catelet road, turning right and left, attacking both the left of the 1/6th King's (as already described) and the right of the 1/10th Battalion. The two platoons in Kildare Post then counter-attacked, one platoon reinforcing the front line and the other garrisoning Dados Loop. Details of right company headquarters and one platoon from the supports made a stand along Sprint road (the road running north from Catalet Copse), but being outflanked on both sides, *i.e.* from Cox's Bank, on the left, and Holts' Bank on the right, withdrew fighting and established themselves on the ridge running south from Battalion Headquarters (at The Adelphi).

Of the left front company of the Liverpool Scottish the Battalion Diary states: "The progress of events on the left front company's area is unknown, as

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nobody returned after the initiation of the attack. The enemy's barrage was exceptionally heavy on Pigeon Quarry and the enemy attacked it in great strength from the high ground to the north, taking it in the rear. Nothing further is known of subsequent events."

At Battalion Headquarters immediately the attack began the C.O., collecting the staff and details, deployed in the open on high ground about fifty yards east of The Adelphi and opened rapid fire against Pigeon Quarry area. This fire was maintained until the position became untenable, for the enemy was advancing in large numbers down the valley from Pigeon Quarry and threatening to outflank Battalion Headquarters. At about 10.40 a.m., therefore, the little party retired, fighting, to the Green Line, Battalion Headquarters being established at the south-eastern corner of Limerick Post. Kildare Post was held by remnants of the battalion. But soon the enemy had penetrated a considerable distance to the rear and the position held by the King's men was practically surrounded.

Late in the afternoon the withdrawal of the garrison from Kildare Post was deemed advisable, for all ammunition had been expended and no fresh supplies or reinforcements were forthcoming. With the exception of the garrison from Limerick Post the remnants of the Liverpool Scottish then fell back and established posts about eight hundred yards in rear, from Fallen Tree Road (the road running from Limerick Post to Epehy) to Tetard Copse, south of the road.

The story of the defence of Limerick Post is that of a very gallant fight, by men who knew they were surrounded, who were called upon to surrender and refused, preparing to fight to the last.

Battalion Headquarters had reported that by 2.3 a.m. the garrison was completely surrounded and no communication could be made with it.

The narrative of that defence was told by Captain J. A. Roddick, 1/10th King's.

At 1.30 p.m. the C.O., at that hour being at Kildare Post, on hearing that the enemy had captured Meath Post, ordered the garrison of Limerick Post to hold on at all costs. He then detailed Captain Roddick to command the Post.

The situation at that hour was that Limerick Post was surrounded, though Kildare Lane and Trench (the latter occupied by two platoons of the Liverpool Scottish) were still open. The garrison of the Post consisted of 4 officers and 90 other ranks of the 1/5th Royal Lancasters, 3 officers and 23 other ranks of the 1/10th King's, and 1 officer and 25 other ranks of the 1/5th Loyal North Lancs., the latter having arrived with ammunition. Three Lewis-guns were in action and there was a good supply of small arms ammunition and bombs.

Four bombing blocks were established: two in Kildare Lane, one in Kildare Trench at the entrance to Limerick Post, and one in the communication trench leading to Meath Post.

The garrison was then organised and informed that they were surrounded and ordered to resist to the last.

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No words can picture that scene, nor do the official narratives attempt to do so. Soldiers generally are averse to anything in the nature of what is called "sob stuff," but in that grim situation, with nothing but death or surrender staring officers and men in the face, were all the elements of drama.

With shouts and yells, the enemy tried to induce the garrison to surrender but, finding that all his appeals fell on deaf and determined ears, he then launched two heavy and simultaneous attacks, one from the north-west and the other from the south. British and Germans then came to grips with one another in severe hand-to-hand fighting, the latter being bloodily repulsed. The only result of the attack, so far as the enemy was concerned, was that he had succeeded in cutting off the Kildare Trench garrison.

Next the Boche tried to drive in the bombing blocks, but these also held firm and heavy casualties were inflicted on the attackers.

At 4.15 p.m. the records state that: "he again made an attack from Adelphi and Meath Post, and only succeeded in receiving a severe handling."

At 5 o'clock he tried new tactics: he had formed a continuous number of bombing blocks in his line and from these, while acting on the defensive, he began throwing bombs into the Post. No better luck attended him in this venture, for he was bombed so heavily in return that he gave up the attempt. As the men had had no food all day, one-third of the reserve rations and water were issued to them.

At 6.15 p.m. two men of the 1/5th Royal Lancasters, who volunteered for the job, were sent out with a verbal message giving the situation to Brigade Headquarters. They succeeded in getting through. Two hours later two men of the Liverpool Scottish also succeeded in delivering messages to the brigade.

With the exception of desultory rifle-grenade and machine-gun fire and "faint-hearted" reconnoitring parties, to ascertain if the post was still held and the garrison fighting, the enemy remained on the defensive until 2.45 a.m. on the 1st of December. He then began to register *granatenwerfer* and two small trench-mortars, using Véry lights, to direct his fire.

1st December

Another desperate attempt was made by the Boche to capture the Post at 3 a.m. He first concentrated a bombardment with two trench mortars, *granatenwerfer* and rifle grenades on the devoted garrison, then launched an all-round infantry attack. The sand-bagged walls of the Post were now battered and broken, and about eighteen casualties were suffered as the result of the bombardment, but still there was no thought of surrender. Indeed, the enemy when he came on was met with such a fire from Lewis-guns and rifles that, after losing heavily, he again fell back completely repulsed.

Nevertheless it was obvious to Captain Roddick that at daylight he and his gallant comrades, as well as the Post, would be obliterated by artillery fire as soon as the German gunners had registered the place. He therefore decided to evacuate the Post and endeavour to regain his own lines. After consultation with Captains Bennet and Kee (of the 1/5th Royal Lancasters) the following plan was arranged: (i) one Lewis-gun was to cover the gap; (ii) all ranks were

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to report to Captain Roddick at the south-western corner of the Post and go under an officer in parties of fifteen, the first party to carry bombs and clear a passage across Kildare Lane; (iii) bombing blocks and two Lewis-guns, under Captain Bennet and Captain Ferguson, were to cover the withdrawal until a "signal" (one Véry light) was fired; (iv) the route was half-left across Kildare Lane and down the valley south of Fallen Tree Road.

The evacuation then began and by 5.5. a.m. was completed. Parties moved in artillery formation with a series of scouts fifty to sixty yards in advance till the gallant little crowd reached their own lines without meeting resistance. At 5.45 a.m. all were safe.

The very fine defence of Limerick Post is thus recorded in Sir Douglas Haig's official despatches:

"East of Villers Guislain the troops holding our forward position on the high ground were still offering a strenuous resistance to the enemy's attacks on their front, at a time when large forces of German infantry had already advanced up the valley between them and Villers Guislain. South of the village a single strong point, known as Limerick Post, garrisoned by troops of the 1/5th Battalion (King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment) and the 1/10th Battalion, Liverpool Regiment, held out with great gallantry throughout the day, though heavily attacked."

The despatches should also have mentioned the 1/5th North Lancs.

The 1/10th Battalion lost heavily on the 30th, for at the end of their diary the total is 522 for November, of which number nine officers and 435 other ranks are recorded as "missing."

At the close of the operations on the 30th the remnants of the 166th Brigade were disposed from north-east of Epehy and Peiziere to Vaucelette Farm.

1/8th Battalion

The 1/8th (Liverpool Irish) of the 164th Brigade were not called upon to do any fighting on the 30th. On the night of the 29th the battalion, then at Hamel, was, however, warned to be ready to move at half-an-hour's notice.

Just after 8 a.m. on the morning of the 30th they received orders to move to a defensive line west of St. Emelie, and at 11.45 a.m. they moved to another position a quarter of a mile south-west of Epehy, where they supported the 166th Brigade. At 1.30 a.m. on the 1st of December the battalion was again on the move, on this occasion from Epehy to Peiziere, where a position was taken up in the line north-north-east of the village. Their casualties on the 30th were two other ranks killed and six wounded.

On the left of the 55th Division the front-line units of the 12th Division had been overwhelmed by the enemy's attack. The breaking of the line of the 12th Division involved the 20th Division on the left.

12th Battalion

The 20th Division held the line with the 59th Brigade on the right and the 61st Brigade on the left. Of the latter brigade the 12th King's held the right sub-sector and the 7th Somersets the left.

The story of this attack, as told by the 12th King's, was as follows: "At 7.30 a.m. the enemy attacked in masses under cover of a heavy artillery barrage

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and heavy machine-gun fire from a large number of low-flying aeroplanes. These aeroplanes also dropped a number of high-explosive and smoke bombs. The enemy was seen to have penetrated the line on our right (59th Brigade), so that it became necessary for the battalion to retire in order to avoid being cut off. Owing to the heavy machine-gun fire from hostile 'planes on the battery positions the S.O.S. signals were not responded to. A considerable amount of confusion was inevitable. Parties were re-organised from time to time to defend positions, but they were continually outflanked. The remnants of the Battalion were attached to other units of the 61st Brigade, as nearly all the officers had become casualties. The brigade still held La Vacquerie, which was handed over on relief. All details at Nurlu were sent to dig a defensive line east of Heudicourt. The division was relieved by the 61st Division on the night of the 2nd/3rd of December. The remnants of the battalion were collected at Transport Lines. Our casualties were nine officers missing; two officers wounded; 229 other ranks missing; 55 other ranks wounded."[1]

5th December — By the 5th the 12th King's were temporarily at Millencourt.

The story turns now to the northern area of the German counter-attack where, with splendid heroism, three British divisions, holding the line from right to left, *i.e.* 47th, 2nd and 56th Divisions, from Fontaine-Notre-Dame to Tadpole Copse, crushed the attacks of four German divisions with three other German divisions in support.

As already stated, the 2nd Division had taken over a portion of the front line lying between Bourlon Wood and Mœuvres on the night of the 26th/27th of November. The short period of progressive training which the division had recently had was to prove of the greatest value, for during the time they had been out of the line most (if not all) of the infantry battalions had recovered the pre-war standard of firing "fifteen aimed shots a minute."

The division held the line with the 99th Brigade[2] on the right and the 6th Brigade on the left. The latter sector extended on both sides of the Canal du Nord, the foremost point being at Lock No. 5, the line dropping back on both sides, on the eastern side almost to the Bapaume-Cambrai road, and on the western side running in a slightly north-westerly direction some 200 to 300 yards from south of Mœuvres.

Before the 30th reliefs had taken place, and the 6th Brigade on the morning of that date held the line with the 13th Essex on the right and the 1st King's on the left, the 2nd South Staffords supporting the Essex and the 17th Middlesex in support of the King's men: one Company (A) of the Middlesex was also at the disposal of the O.C., King's Regiment.

1st Battalion — The 1st King's now held the front line of the Hindenburg Main Line, the support line being still in the possession of the enemy: the Hindenburg Main Line ran from north-west to south-east, south of Mœuvres, while the

[1] No names of officers are given in the Battalion Diary, and the diary of the 61st Brigade was captured by the enemy.

[2] Plus one American (17th P. Formation) 5th Brigade.

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Hindenburg Support Line proper ran through the village, or rather the village was embodied in it. The Main Line ran down the western side of the Canal du Nord to the Cambrai road.

The Divisional Narrative states that no sooner had the 2nd Division taken over the line on the 26th/27th than "work had been begun immediately to restore order to the line gained in our attack (the attack *before* the Division relieved the 36th Division). Our positions had been straightened out at certain points and consolidated. Communications had been re-established and improved, strong points constructed and wired and supplies of ammunition and stores of all kinds brought forward. Had it not been for the promptness and energy displayed by all ranks in these tasks, it is doubtful whether the division could have weathered the storm which broke on this front on the morning of the 30th of November, when the concentrated attacks of three German divisions were beaten off with severe losses to the enemy."

The above paragraph is taken from a small pamphlet entitled "The Story of a Great Fight," issued by the General Staff early in 1918, in France.

The pamphlet then states: "The story of the subsequent fighting on the Bourlon-Mœuvres front is one so brimful of herosim that it deserves to take its place in English history for all time."

The German attack in the northern area was not launched until some two hours after the attack on the Gonnelieu front.

Bourlon Wood had been subjected to heavy shell-fire during the night of the 29th/30th, and at 8.45 a.m. on the 30th the enemy's artillery barrage opened, being directed on the two right posts of the division and also with great intensity on the line of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. 30th November

The enemy's infantry advanced shortly after 9 a.m., at first in dense masses, resembling his attacks during the Battles of Ypres, 1914. In the course of the morning and afternoon no less than five principal attacks were made, and at one period as many as eleven waves of German infantry advanced successively to the attack. They were shot to pieces.

West of the Canal du Nord, the 1st King's "stood to" at 8.50 a.m. as the enemy were seen massing north of Mœuvres.

"C" Company held the right of the Battalion front, and "B" the left: "A" Company was in support, and "D" in reserve.

At 9.30 a.m. both "C" Company and Brigade Headquarters reported to Battalion Headquarters, King's Regiment, that the enemy was advancing southwards from Quarry Wood, due west of Bourlon. "C" Company immediately opened fire. "D" Company was ordered to send two platoons to reinforce "C" Company, while two platoons of "A" Company of the Middlesex occupied the position vacated by the two platoons of "D" Company. Fifteen minutes after the Germans were reported advancing from Quarry Wood, the O.C., Company, reported that the attack had been broken up and the guns were asked to slow down their rate of fire. But at 9.50 a.m. the enemy was reported by "A" Company to be advancing on the left—the S.O.S. was sent up and all companies notified.

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As the enemy was seen massing in Mœuvres, the O.C., "B" Company, brought up his fourth platoon to reinforce his line. Our barrage then came down, but unfortunately fell short and the majority of two Lewis-gun teams were knocked out. Hostile shell-fire was also severe at this period, and the Boche was using a lot of "pineapples."

At about 10 a.m. two extended lines of Germans were seen advancing on the left. From in front of the King's the enemy had for the time being ceased to advance, but their new attempt was against the right of the 56th Division, *i.e.* between Swan Trench and Tadpole Copse. The left company of the King's, therefore, lent what assistance they could to the Queen's Westminsters (on the immediate left of the former), and rifle and Lewis-gun fire was opened on the enemy. Nevertheless the Boche entered the trenches, whereupon the O.C., "B" Company, King's Regiment, rushed down to his left flank to arrange for its protection and form a block in the trench. Almost immediately afterwards the enemy advanced in great strength along the whole front of "B" Company, and by sheer weight of numbers succeeded in entering the line and practically wiped out the garrison. Out of four officers and 125 other ranks only two officers and about twenty-four men succeeded in getting back down Donnerweg to the support trench, followed by a large bombing party of the enemy.

But the Boche was held near the bottom of the communication trench. A bombing party, under Sergeant Woods, then attacked the enemy and, after some stiff fighting, drove him back up the trench to within fifty yards of what had been the front line. Here a block was formed, and despite many attacks throughout the remainder of that day and the next, the gallant King's men held their position and defeated every attempt to turn them out. They were bombed, they were fired on by rifle and machine-gun fire, but they held firm. At one period a whole company of Germans attacked across the open between Donner Weg and Edda Weg, but they came up against some old wire and were practically wiped out by rifle and Lewis-gun fire. A small number of these men, however, dropped into shell-holes, from where they began to snipe the King's men. This was too much for the latter. Without waiting for orders to do so, they climbed up out of their trenches and "went for" the snipers with bomb and bayonet. One or two of the King's men were shot down but most of them, after disposing of the enemy, regained their trenches.

At about 10.20 a.m. a heavy bombing attack developed down Edda Weg[1] and succeeded in getting within fifty yards of the support line. But again a bombing-party of the King's, consisting of Sergeant Gannon and five other ranks, attacked the Boche in a most gallant manner. Thirty yards had been won back when the five men were killed and Sergeant Gannon was forced to

[1] It is difficult to describe the positions of the three trenches Donner, Edda and Ernst Weg. They were communication trenches, in that order from left to right, between what had been the old front and support trenches of the Main Hindenburg Line, south of Mœuvres. The latter line ran from north-west to south-east south of the village, and the three communication trenches mentioned from north to south. Ernst Weg was less than two hundred yards from (and west of) the Canal du Nord.

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retire. A stronger bombing-party was then organised under Company Sergt.-Major Jackson and Sergeant Gannon. The two N.C.Os. then led their men splendidly. Attacking partly up the trench and partly on top, in which severe fighting took place, the enemy was driven back and a block formed about 150 yards from the top of the trench.

On this part of the front (held by the left front company) there were no further attacks over the open, though several heavy bombing attacks were made down Donner and Edda Weg, all of which were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

The right front company of the King's ("C" Company) reported that when the enemy's barrage fell at 9.45 it was most intense on the isolated posts on the left between the sunken roads (in the right of the battalion area) and behind one of the roads held by the right half of the company. Only the left of the three isolated posts was held by day, and from this no man escaped. The enemy appears to have rushed the post on top of the barrage. Simultaneously a party of the enemy appeared on the sunken road at the point where it was crossed by the railway: these were at once engaged by Lewis-gun and rifle-fire. Another large party of Germans attacked the sunken road from the rear, having worked round from the left flank.

The casualties of the King's men were heavy in this area, and Second-Lieut. Scott, the only remaining company officer, withdrew the survivors, who only numbered about a dozen men, into a track running back from the rear of the sunken road; in this position he gallantly endeavoured to hold up the enemy who was working round from the left. But Lieut. Scott and his men were again outflanked and forced to withdraw down a communication trench leading back from the eastern end of the sunken road. On reaching the bank across Ernst Weg they lined the former, and for a while succeeded in holding back the enemy, a Stokes-gun giving valuable assistance. With rifle and Lewis-gun very heavy casualties were inflicted on the Boche as he tried to cross the embankment, without success. Finally, however, he mounted a machine-gun, the fire of which still further reduced the little party of King's men; under cover of the fire from this gun the enemy worked down the trench and eventually succeeded in driving back Lieut. Scott and his men, who retired fighting down the "B" line trench whence, coming up Elsa Weg,[1] they joined up with a party of men who were engaged in forming a defensive flank, facing east, in the main communication trench leading back from Battalion Headquarters.[2]

The stand made by Lieut. Scott with the survivors of "C" Company at the bank across Ernst Weg undoubtedly gained valuable time during which supports were rushed up. But, having broken the front line, the enemy advanced down the sunken road leading close to Battalion Headquarters; also down the trenches to the east. At 10.56 a.m. he appeared in large numbers to

[1] It is impossible to find Elsa Weg on any map with the diaries.

[2] Battalion Headquarters, 1st King's, were at a trench junction about half-way between Donner and Edda Weg, *i.e.* in what had been the front line of the old Hindenburg Main Line.

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the north and east of Battalion Headquarters. The whole personnel of Headquarters was turned out and, with a carrying party of the 10th D.C.L.I. (the Divisional Pioneers), who had come up with stores, were placed in position from which they opened fire on the enemy. The latter succeeded in getting into a ruined factory and down the sunken road below it for a distance of about 200 yards. For three-quarters of an hour a stiff fight ensued in the neighbourhood of Battalion Headquarters, at the end of which the Boche had again been driven off with further severe losses. At about 12 noon "A" Company of the 17th Middlesex came up in support and bombed the enemy back along Ernst Weg, and a block was formed. At 2 p.m. an officer and about forty men of "C" Company of the Essex Regiment tried to bomb up the communication trench leading from the block, but were held up. At 4 p.m. "C" Company of the Middlesex took over the new front line from Battalion Headquarters to Edda Weg, the remainder of the King's closing into the left. From this time onwards the Middlesex and South Staffords appear to have gradually taken over the front line, and there is little further information concerning the King's men.

About 7 p.m. an order was received for an attack on Lock No 5, where, as a result of the day's fighting, the enemy had been able to isolate a company of the 11th Essex, which was holding out most gallantly against all attempts to force them to surrender.

Lieut. Atkinson, with about twenty other ranks of the 1st King's, reinforced a company of the South Staffords in this attempt which, however, failed to achieve its object.

Throughout the night of the 30th November/1st December several determined efforts were made to relieve the Essex men, who had held a council of war, at which it was unanimously decided to fight to the last, and have "no surrender!"

1st December

At about 4.45 a.m. on the 1st of December a strong bombing attack developed down Edda Weg, but was repulsed by Company Sergt.-Major Jackson (1st King's) and a party of "C" Company of the Middlesex. At 5.50 a.m. "A" Company and forty other ranks of "D" Company, 2nd Highland Light Infantry, reported at Battalion Headquarters.

In the meanwhile the left sector had been re-organised, details of the King's having side-stepped to the left; "A" Company, 2nd Highland Light Infantry, relieved "C" Company of the Middlesex in the right half of the left sector; "C" Company of the Middlesex and "D" Company of the Highland Light Infantry went into close support.

At 9.35 a.m. a report was received that the enemy was forming up north-east of Mœuvres. Companies "stood to," but there was no immediate development. At about 11 a.m., however, three companies of the enemy were seen crossing the bank near the bridge south of Lock No. 5. "B" Company of the Middlesex (on the extreme right of the King's) was driven back, and the Boche began to work westwards along Elsa Weg. This attack was supported by heavy machine-gun fire from Lock No. 5, while a light machine-gun, which

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the enemy had established in the neighbourhood of Elsa Weg, swept the parapet of the main communication trench near Battalion Headquarters of the 1st King's, causing a number of casualties. But these hostile guns were engaged by two Lewis-guns of the King's and Highland Light Infantry, and a captured German machine-gun. The machine-gun fire from Lock No. 5 was silenced, while that firing from the neighbourhood of Elsa Weg was put out of action by a Stokes mortar, which completely demoralised the enemy, so that he began to retire at once. Few, if any, of these Germans got back to the bridge near Lock No. 5. One party of fifteen, caught in a trap, was totally wiped out by Lewis-gun fire. Large numbers of Boche who got out of the trench, and tried to escape, were shot down.

At 3.18 p.m. the enemy put down a heavy barrage all along the front line and his infantry was reported massing in Mœuvres. But the divisional guns effectively barraged the enemy's line and, although the latter had begun to advance, they were checked and the attack fizzled out.

Finally the enemy's barrage slackened and ceased altogether at about 5 p.m.

During the night 2nd/3rd December the 1st King's were relieved by the 2nd Highland Light Infantry and the battalion moved back to the Slag Heap behind Lock No. 7, in reserve.

Of the losses of the 1st King's there are no records for, although the Battalion Diary for December stated "total casualties were given in last month's diary," *i.e.* for November, such was not the case; if they were given in an appendix, the latter is missing.

Thus ended the great fight. The 1st King's Regiment, in the face of a tremendous onslaught by vast numbers of the enemy, put up a magnificent resistance. The enemy's gains, for all the lives he had lost, consisted only of a few hundred yards of trench on a depth of from two hundred to three hundred yards.

The operation is difficult to describe on account of the situation rapidly changing. In this connection the Brigadier of the 6th Brigade said: "It was desultory fighting in which the men on the spot were those who could best deal with the very changing situations as they arose. This they did in a manner beyond all praise. The success of the day's fighting was due entirely to the magnificent manner in which commanding officers handled their commands, to the initiative of the regimental officers, company and platoon . . . finally to the grand fighting spirit displayed by warrant officers, N.C.Os. and men."

The King's were still in reserve when the front line was withdrawn from Bourlon Wood to approximately the line of the old Hindenburg Reserve Line, which ran from a point about one-and-a-half miles north by east of La Vacquerie, north of Ribecourt and Flesquières to the Canal du Nord, about one-and-a-half miles north of Havrincourt, the 2nd Division holding a sector of the line west of the latter Canal.

On the 4th, the 1st King's moved to Lebucquière. 4th December

During the night of the 1st/2nd of December the 164th and 166th

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Brigades (55th Division), on the southern flank of the Boche counter-attack, were relieved on their fronts from Malassise Farm (exclusive) to Vaucelette Farm (exclusive) by troops of the 21st Division. The 165th Brigade was not relieved until the 6th of December, but there is little of outstanding interest to record during the intervening dates.

On the 7th the 55th Division was in the Flamicourt area.

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CHAPTER XXXV

THE LAST WINTER IN THE TRENCHES IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS

(i) TO THE END OF 1917

WITH the exception of the Battle of Messines in June the King's Regiment had fought in every battle and action of importance in France and Flanders during the year 1917; certainly not a record but, nevertheless, a very fine instance of service to one's country, for service meant sacrifice and every one of the twenty-one battalions along the Western Front had paid the price of patriotism and duty in the lives of gallant men.

The year's fighting had begun on the Somme, practically where it had left off in 1916; then came the push across the devastated area to the Hindenburg Line; next Arras, ending with sanguinary fighting about Oppy Wood; then all roads seemed to lead to Ypres once more, with all the horrors of the Salient when, stuck fast in the mud, both sides had at last to abandon the struggle because there is a limit to human endurance and that limit had been reached—"Bloody Passchendaele" still remains a ghastly memory. Finally, the great surprise attack with tanks at Cambrai, ending in the formation of the Flesquières Salient which was to play an important part when the Grey Avalanche, in March 1918, swept across the old Somme battlefields like an angry tide dashing itself upon the rocks to fall back broken and subdued.

It was a great year, a year during which the British Army in France and Flanders practically bore upon its own shoulders the brunt of the fighting, for mutiny had broken out in the French Army and we had to keep on attacking lest the enemy gained the initiative.

The fourth winter had come—none knew it to be the last—in the dismal trenches. Once again wind-driven, rain lashed, the huddled forms of men as they crouched against the mud walls; once again mist and fog wrapped the always-gloomy surroundings in a deeper gloom; once again reliefs tramped up over icy duck-board tracks through blizzards of snow; but once again the British soldier in France and Flanders faced the agony and the torture of the trenches with his spirits undimmed and his courage undaunted. And that it was so may be amply proved from the official documents of the War.

Back in Gropi Camp (where the battalion had arrived on the 4th of December) the 1st King's had a "clean up," continued reorganisation and carried on in the usual style when out of the front line. They had missed the excitement of the withdrawal from the Bourlon Ridge to the new line, and the sight of the guns playing havoc among the enemy's troops when he made a

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8th December

tardy discovery that the 2nd Division had fallen back. On the 8th they moved back into the line, taking over the left front sub-sector in front of Mœuvres from the 2nd Highland Light Infantry. But there is little to relate of importance, though on the 12th the enemy was expected to attack. Aeroplanes had reported that the German line from Quéant to Mœuvres was full of Boche. The King's were, therefore, ordered to "stand to," the support company was brought up and reinforced the front line on the left where it was very thinly held, and a company of the 13th Essex replaced the support company of the King's. At 12 noon the battalion was ordered to "stand down" and ordinary dispositions were taken up again. A German prisoner had been taken during the morning who stated that the enemy was going to attack at 6.30 a.m. the next morning (13th). As a matter of fact the Boche had already attacked at Bullecourt, away on the left of the King's, and had recaptured a hundred yards of trench. But at 1.30 a.m. on the 13th all companies were warned. "A" Company of the King's was sent off to support the right front company of the Essex Regiment in Bullen Trench, "D" Company was ordered up from reserve and placed in support.

By 4.10 a.m. all moves had been completed and everyone was ready for the Boche. At 5 a.m. "stand to" (that beastly miserable hour) took place, but it is reported that "everything on our front very quiet." The same conditions obtained at 6.10 a.m. At 6.15 a.m. the Divisional Artillery put a very effective barrage down on the enemy's front line, which must have caused confusion and loss if the enemy's trenches were full of troops. Next, at 6.25, there was a firework display in the Boche lines when a great number of Véry lights were sent up. This was obviously a call for his artillery which shortly afterwards shelled the 2nd Divisional front line with gas shells. But it was poor sport for the enemy for, the wind being in the wrong direction, carried the fumes back over his own front line, "gassing his troops." He then tried "whizz-bangs," but they did little damage.

At 7.10 a.m. there was still no sign of any enemy attack, and ten minutes later a patrol from the right company of the King's (which had been out since 4.30 a.m.) crawled back again with the report that everything was quiet in the Boche lines.

At 9.30 a.m. the battalion "stood down."

For the remainder of the month there appears to have been little excitement or incidents of unusual interest. Casualties were few, only one officer was wounded (on the 26th), *i.e.*, Second-Lieut. E. L. Leader. On the 31st the 1st King's were out of the front line at Hermies, supplying working parties, of whom large numbers were necessary owing to the amount of work to be done on the defences.

During the whole of December not a word exists in the Battalion Diary as to weather conditions, or conditions generally in the line. Probably the King's men had, with that philosophic state of mind for which the British Tommy is noted, refused to be discomfited.

4th Battalion

The 4th King's, on the 5th of October, moved by train to Ypres, where

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they were attached to the I Anzac Corps for work. The battalion was accommodated in dug-outs and shelters outside the eastern ramparts of the ruined city. Road construction kept the King's men busy until the 18th, when they ceased being navvies and moved by 'bus to Neuve Eglise, where two days were spent in cleaning up and training. Trenches near Bristol Castle were reconnoitred, but several days were spent working in the forward area near Wulverghem and Warneton. The tour, which ended on the 30th, was uneventful, and on the 31st the King's men were back again in Neuve Eglise. Another period of digging followed until the 12th of November, when the battalion marched to billets in the Merris area. 18th October

On the 14th representatives from each company and the Intelligence Officer were sent off to reconnoitre the line near Passchendaele, and whatever dreams the battalion had of having left the Salient were dissipated. On the 16th they marched out of billets at Merris to Meteren, where 'buses carried the King's men to a point one mile on the road south-west of Ypres. Having "debussed" (as the diary has it) the 4th King's marched to a camp, *via* Ypres, south-west of Potijze, which they reached at 3 a.m. on the 17th. The latter date was spent in improving camp and on the 18th the battalion moved up to the support area—Seine—as right battalion in support; the relief was completed by 7 p.m., one officer (Second-Lieut. E. D. Burns) and four other ranks being wounded. Seine was a collection of ruined houses about 1,400 yards north-east of Zonnebeke. On the 19th the guns put down a twenty-minute barrage on the enemy's line, and during retaliation by the latter one other rank was killed, and Lieut. C. W. Newport and six other ranks were wounded. 14th November

A similar occurrence took place on the 20th. Apparently it was the custom for the guns to barrage the enemy's lines every morning early, our unfortunate infantry in the front line and support trenches reaping the full benefit of the Boches' annoyance. On this date the King's suffered badly, ten other ranks being killed and fifteen wounded during the enemy's retaliation. On the 22nd they took over the front line from the 1st Middlesex, but came out again on the 24th; two days in the line was about all the men could stand in the Passchendaele sector. On the latter date casualties were again heavy, considering there was no attack, five other ranks being killed and twelve wounded.

The King's men moved back to Toronto Camp, Brandhoek, until the 1st of December, when once again they started the forward movement and arrived, at about 2 p.m., in camp at Potijze. To the support trenches at Hamburg (about six hundred yards north of Seine) was their next move on the 5th, though it was the 9th before they took over the front line from the 4th Suffolks. At the end of their two days (on the 12th) they moved back to camp at St. Jean, thence to the Eecke area until the 27th. On the latter date the battalion moved to billets in Poperinghe, where they were still located at the close of the year. 1st December

The King's men of the 55th Division did not go back again to the line at Gonnelieu during December, for on the 8th the Division was transferred to the XVII Corps and moved from the Somme area. The 165th Brigade entrained at Peronne for Marœuil, all units of the brigade billeting at Etron. But they

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1/5th, 1/6th, 1/7th, and 1/9th Battalions

moved from the latter area on the 12th and by the 14th the 1/5th King's were at Predefin, the 1/6th at Fontaine-lez-Bouland, the 1/7th at Crépy and the 1/9th at Lisbourg, where they remained until the end of the year.

1/8th Battalion

The 1/8th, with other units of the 164th Brigade, moved first to Beaumetz-lez-Loges on the 8th of December and finally reached Dennebrœucq. The 1/10th reached Aubigny with their brigade (166th) on the 8th and on the 14th Beaumetz-lez-Aire, the Battalion Diary recording: "considering the long period of trench work the battalion stood the march well." The 1/10th was still in training at the close of 1917.

1/10th Battalion

The 57th Division was out of the line until the middle of December, the 2/5th, 2/6th, 2/7th and 2/8th Battalions of the King's Regiment (171st Brigade), and the 2/9th and 2/10th (172nd Brigade) being engaged in training.

2/5th, 2/6th, 2/7th, 2/8th, 2/9th, and 2/10th Battalions

On the 16th the 171st Brigade began to move forward to the front line, having been ordered to take over a portion of the Houthulst Forest sector. The 2/5th King's moved from Proven to Baboon Camp, Boesinghe area; the 2/6th Battalion to Canal Bank Camp in the same area.

Everyone then began preparations for going into the front line. The inevitable "gum boots, thigh," and extra water bottles were drawn from stores, and the men issued with "Tommy Cookers," two days' preserved rations and spare socks. Feet were rubbed with whale oil.

The 2/5th and 2/6th both went into the line on the 17th, the former relieving the 7th Queen's (of the 18th Division) in the line, opposite Houthulst Forest and astride the Ypres–Staden Railway. "C" and "D" Companies took over the front line, while "A" was in support and "B" in reserve in Pascal Farm. Battalion Headquarters were in Egypt House. No casualties were suffered during the relief.

2/6th Battalion 17th December

The 2/6th relieved the 7th Buffs in the Les Cinques Chemins sector, moving up *via* Clarges Street. "D" Company took over the front line, "A" was in support and "B" and "C" in reserve. Battalion Headquarters were at Ajax House.

The front-line system consisted of a series of small posts in shell holes, excepting the posts in the Houthulst Forest which were rough wooden breastworks, not bullet proof. No cover of any description, either from the weather or from the enemy, existed. A ground sheet spread over a rough hurdle roof was all the cover attempted; the line having been held previously by a weak battalion, what accommodation there was was of a limited nature. The ground was very waterlogged. A "pill box"—Colombo House—acted as advanced headquarters for the front-line company.

The relief of the 7th Buffs by the 2/6th King's is thus described by Captain Wurtzburg, the Adjutant: "The relief march up to Battalion Headquarters passed without incident, except for a sudden burst of "whizz bangs" at Les Cinques Chemins where, but for the extreme muddiness of the surrounding country, we might have sustained serious casualties. In point of fact, no one was hit with anything worse than lumps of thick mud. The front-line company having now to quit the duck-boards, found their task far from easy. The only

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key to the situation was a tape line to the various posts, and the going in the Houthulst Forest for those destined for that point was extremely trying. In spite of the heavy shell fire there was still a large forest, but the numbers of fallen trees and branches, together with deep pools of mud and water, not to mention miscellaneous stretches of unexpected barbed wire, presented, in the dark, obstacles to progress of no mean order. At midnight the relief was complete and the 7th Buffs made their way out.

"With the exception of the two days in the line in front of Langemarck, the conditions for the men in the front line were probably as unpleasant as at any time in France. The shell-hole posts *were* literally shell holes, with the very minimum done to improve them as habitations for six or seven men. The exact locality of the respective British and German front lines was, to either side, somewhat vague, and we were anxious that the men should not give away their positions by elaborating their shell-holes to such an extent that they would be obviously artificial when examined on an aeroplane photograph. The comfort of this form of abode will be better appreciated when one realises that the best portion had been deepened to allow of a sump pit in the centre, across which duck-boards had been fixed to keep the inhabitants above water level. No movement was possible in daylight, even in the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. 'Tommy Cookers' were allowed in the front line by day, and one man at a time was allowed to smoke.

"In the front line itself conditions were slightly better, though the wretched breastworks, erected for the protection of the posts, were only hurdles of the flimsiest description. The proximity, or reverse, of the enemy was quite uncertain, and the surrounding mass of gloomy trees and undergrowth was calculated to produce a feeling of considerable uneasiness in the minds of the occupants which was hardly to be wondered at.

"Colombo House was a small pill box with a large door facing the enemy. The atmosphere within baffles description. So bad, indeed, was it that the Regimental Sergt.-Major, immediately on entering it, had hastily to withdraw for the purpose of being violently sick. Ajax, on the other hand, never reached quite such a condition. It was a large concrete erection, with walls and roof of reinforced concrete about eight feet thick, much scarred with direct hits, but quite sound. It was square, with a doorway at the side which was protected by a sand-bag wall. In the centre was a huge concrete pillar supporting the roof and round this the occupants sat on forms. On this occasion the party consisted of the Commanding Officer, Adjutant and the Intelligence Officer, the Regimental Sergt.-Major, a cook and a servant, six signallers, three gunner signallers, two wireless operators, and some runners. Here we sat from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There were two bunks in the corner which we shared in turn, and we had two Primus stoves for cooking purposes."

"Early on the morning after the relief it began to freeze, and in a little while everything was like iron and remained so during the whole time the 2/6th were in the line. But, excepting the acute cold and the discomfort, frost was not an unmixed evil, for one could move about with comparative ease, everything being

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hard and dry. Dry, cold weather was also productive of less sickness. Work, however, was hindered by the frozen nature of the ground; wiring was sometimes impossible and improvement of the line difficult. Hot tea and stew were brought up to Battalion Headquarters nightly on mules; the method was to put the food in petrol tins, the latter in haversacks, and the whole packed round with hay. Despite the fact that it took four hours for the ration party to reach the front line, the system of packing stood the test well, and the men in the line were able to get hot drinks and warm food—a great comfort.

Everyone exercised at night to restore the circulation, for even the stuffy atmosphere of a pill box did not produce warmth. By day it was necessary to wear two sand-bags on each foot to prevent frost bite."

2/7th Battalion 20th/21st December

The 2/7th relieved the 2/6th on the night of the 20th/21st of December, and the latter returned to Canal Bank Camp.

Similar conditions obtained in the sub-sector taken over by the 2/5th King's. Their tour in the line was "very quiet," but on the 21st the C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel M. I. G. Jenkins), while visiting the front-line posts, was wounded by a sniper.

The 2/8th relieved the 2/5th on the night 20th/21st and the latter moved back to Baboon Camp in support.

As the ground was hard and the going good the 2/7th completed the relief of the 2/6th by 8 p.m. on the 20/21st. The 21st was spent in whatever work was possible, the ground being too hard to permit of much digging. The 22nd was a clear day, observation was very good, and hostile aeroplanes and artillery were active all over the sector, especially between dawn and 1.30 p.m.

2/8th Battalion 22nd December

At about 4.15 p.m. the enemy put down a heavy barrage along the whole of the brigade front, about one hundred yards behind the line of posts. He then attacked the 2/8th King's on the right of the 2/7th. The latter sent up the S.O.S. from Ajax House and the divisional supporting artillery immediately put down a protective barrage. All signal communications broke down at the beginning of the operations, *i.e.* when the hostile barrage fell, the Battalion Diary drily remarking "this is what usually happens and so no surprise was occasioned."

The enemy's barrage lasted until about 5.35 p.m. during which ten casualties were suffered. The C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel Baines) then went up and visited all posts but, barring a minor alteration of the posts on the right to strengthen that flank, there was no change in the situation.

23rd December

At 1.30 a.m. on the 23rd a patrol went out to reconnoitre a German post on the road running north from Colombo House, but was forced to retire; a similar patrol went out at 2.30 a.m. on the 24th but, being subjected to "pineapple" fire, withdrew. At 10 p.m. Capt. C. A. Mackenzie took out a patrol of four men to reconnoitre a pill box. They got to within ten yards of the pill box (which was only some thirty to forty yards from their own front, "U.6. No. 9") when fire was suddenly opened on them by a machine-gun and three rifles. Captain Mackenzie was hit and died shortly afterwards, one other rank was killed and another wounded.

Seasonable references occur on this date (Christmas Eve) in the Battalion

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Diary: "The Boche was heard singing carols, both during the day and at night, but where could not be located."

The first item recorded by the 2/7th on Christmas Day is the sending out of a patrol at 1.30 a.m. to try and obtain an identification from a Boche post; it was unsuccessful. Another at 5 a.m. had similar results. Thereafter, the day passed quietly, sleet and rain falling most of the time. Representatives of the 2/9th King's had come up during the previous night and these spent Christmas Day with the 2/7th, the whole battalion of the former relieving the latter at night. 25th December

At 11 p.m. the 2/7th entrained at Boesinghe and reached Larry Camp, Elverdinghe, at midnight, where a hot meal was served immediately to all ranks.

The 2/8th had taken over the right sub-sector of the Houthulst Forest sector from the 2/5th. Their diary reports the enemy's raid in the following terms: "At 4.30 p.m. (22nd December) enemy barraged front-line system very heavily from about U.6.d (the area east of Les 5 Chemins) to the right and through Turenne Crossing. At 5.10 p.m. barrage lifted and enemy attacked in force Nos. 1 and 2 Groups, which he succeeded in capturing, Second-Lieuts. Free and Davies, and thirty-seven other ranks being reported missing. At 8.15 p.m. "D" Company (in reserve under Captain J. E. Smitham) counter-attacked enemy on posts captured, but failed to drive out the enemy, Second-Lieuts. E. H. Johnson and two other ranks being killed, twelve other ranks wounded."

Two companies of the 2/5th were then sent up to relieve "A" and "D" Companies of the 2/8th and on the 23rd the latter, as a whole, were relieved by the 2/5th South Lancs. and moved back to Boesinghe Camp.

The 2/9th King's thus describe the relief of the 2/7th Battalion: "The battalion crossed the Canal at 3.15 p.m. *via* Clarges Street to take over the left sub-sector from the 2/7th King's. Relief complete 7.45 p.m. One casualty, machine-gun fire. Frequent heavy falls of snow during the relief and throughout the night. All posts in the front line inspected. Most posts had neither adequate protection from fire nor any shelter from the weather. The wire along the whole front is negligible. Men mounted on posts throughout night. No movement allowed by day, wire and corrugated shelters brought up by carrying parties after dusk, and improvement of posts continued." 2/9th Battalion

On Boxing Day a heavy barrage, well to the right of the brigade sector, evidently caused the enemy along the front of the King's men considerable uneasiness, for he continually shelled and machine-gunned all tracks and cross roads. Brilliant moonlight and snow-covered ground made patrolling impossible. The day's casualties were Lieut. W. A. Reid and three other ranks killed, and fourteen other ranks wounded. Lieut. Reid and Sergt. T. B. Woosey were hit while visiting the front-line posts.

At dawn on the 27th snow still covered the frost-bound ground, nevertheless the Battalion so far had only one man suffering from "trench foot," and the precautionary measures were apparently successful. At night a thaw set in and the ground became suddenly a sea of mud and slush. The 28th was so quiet that orders were issued by the Divisional Commander to troops in the front 27th December

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line to keep a sharp watch on the enemy's lines. But the night passed without incident, and on the 29th the 2/10th King's took over the line from the 2/9th. The latter then returned to the Canal Bank. The four days in the line had cost the Battalion one officer and four other ranks killed and one officer (Second-Lieut. A. R. Hill) and twenty-one other ranks wounded.

2/10th Battalion

The 2/10th (Liverpool Scottish) record little more than the actual relief of the 2/9th on the 29th, and the year closed with the Battalion still holding the left sub-sector of the divisional front line.

During the last day of the old year the 57th Division began to move south to that familiar area—Armentières.

11th Battalion

The 11th King's (Pioneers) were last mentioned as having taken over work from the 5th Divisional Pioneers in the Bedford House–Menin Road–Inverness Copse area, with Battalion Headquarters in the neighbourhood of

18th October

Dickebusche. On the 18th Captain M. C. M. Denny was "gassed" and four other ranks wounded. With the Royal Engineers, and certain infantry battalions of the 14th Division, the Pioneers continued their work in the neighbourhood of the Menin Road until early November. This work was of an important nature—newly-captured ground, for the most part, which had to have com-

3rd November

munications to the forward area constructed quickly. On the 3rd of November the Corps Commander sent the following message to 14th Divisional Headquarters: "The Corps Commander wishes to express his appreciation of the work done by the Royal Engineers, Pioneer Battalions and Infantry of the 14th Division on the Menin Road and Plumer's Drive. Despite the difficult conditions the work of completing Plumer's Drive and opening up the Menin Road from Hooge has been very rapidly done. The repairs to Plumer's Drive, carried out on the night of 26th/27th October, reflect great credit on all concerned."

On the 5th the Pioneers were under orders to move to the Berthe area. They marched to Thieushouk on the 8th and billeted until the 10th, when they moved to the Vlamertinghe area and rested in huts.

12th November

On the 12th, however, the Pioneers were back at work on the Potijze area. Before they returned to the line the making of a "corduroy" road, by rotation of companies, had been planned. It was to be made on the "Passchendaele Front," in which the Canadian Corps was operating. This work was splendidly carried out, and well merited the letter of thanks which the Canadian Corps Commander addressed to the O.C., 11th King's Regiment: "On handing over command of Passchendaele front, I wish to express to you and to the officers, N.C.Os. and men under your command my warm appreciation of the excellent work which they have done for the Canadian Corps while under my command. This work has had to be carried out under very arduous and trying circumstances without the stimulus of actually taking part in the offensive themselves, although exposed to heavy shell fire which has, I am sorry to say, at times resulted in considerable casualties. The work that they have done has contributed to the success of the operations in the most direct degree, and it is no exaggeration to say that without such work no offensive could be successfully undertaken."

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December the 1st still found the Pioneers at work on the maintenance and repair of this road which they had made, which ran from Bridge House, *via* Kansas City, to No. 5 Track. Companies took turn and turn about. On the 2nd the Battalion exchanged work with the 22nd Durham Light Infantry. The work now consisted of double-tracking and maintaining the Northern and Southern Arms of No. 5 Track, and the maintenance and improvement of the mule track from Kansas City to Gravenstafel. 1st December

On the 6th the King's men moved their Headquarters to La Brique, though companies were still at work on the forward areas. On the 10th Second-Lieut. T. W. Wheeler was wounded, and Second-Lieut. Caldwell was wounded on the 20th. Hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs on the camp on the 23rd and one other rank was killed, two died of wounds and Captain Hopkins and eighteen other ranks were wounded.

Christmas Day found the battalion still hard at work as usual, and when the year closed "B," "C" and "D" Companies were labouring on the Panet road, while "A" Company and the battalion transport proceeded to Zermezeele.

From Mellincourt, where they had arrived on the 5th of December, the 12th King's (61st Brigade, 20th Division) marched to Albert on the 6th at 7 a.m., entrained at 10 a.m. for Beauainville and marched thence to Crequy (Pas de Calais). After several days' training in the latter village a move by 'bus was made to Wallon Cappie, thence by march route to Sercus, and the end of December found the battalion still in the latter place. 12th Battalion 5th December

The 13th King's (9th Brigade, 3rd Division) moved back from the front line into Brigade Reserve in Vaulx-Vraucourt on the 16th of October. 13th Battalion 16th October

There was, however, at this period "little doing" in the Noreuil and Lagnicourt sectors, and even during the operations on the Cambrai front, which were in close proximity to the 3rd Division, nothing disturbed the even tenor of the Adjutant's mind as he wrote day after day, with painful regularity and precision, the words: "Remained in above position. Working and carrying parties provided and patrols organised." The only departure from this straightforward form of diary-keeping was during a tour in the Noreuil sector, which began on the 11th of December.

At 6 a.m. the following morning the Boche put down an intense barrage on the front line, supports and tracks. The Battalion had already "stood to" in an anticipation of an attack. The barrage lasted for forty minutes when a low-flying hostile aeroplane gave the signal to the enemy's artillery to "lift" by firing a white rocket. Immediately the barrage lifted from the front line and the German infantry attacked the trenches of the King's men, but were driven off by rifle and Lewis-gun fire. 11th December

"A" Company, whose trenches had been blown in during the hostile barrage, fought in shell holes. At 7.15 a.m. a second hostile barrage was put down as before, *i.e.* on the front line, supports and communication trenches. After twenty-five minutes the enemy's artillery lifted and his infantry again attacked. But his second attempt was even more disastrous than the first. Rifle and machine-gun fire met the oncoming Boche and smashed his attack.

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The left front company ("A"), already driven into shell holes, their trenches having been blown in, had had the wire in front of them torn up and destroyed during the second bombardment. As the Boche attacked, the men of this Company left their positions and, with a cheer, advanced to meet the enemy. The latter had, however, had sufficient and, leaving many dead and wounded behind him, fled back to his trenches.

Three times during the day (at 10.40 a.m., 2.30 and 4.15 p.m.) the furious Boche again barraged the trenches of the King's men, though his infantry made no further attacks. A small bombing attack on the left was easily repulsed.

The day's casualties were Second-Lieut. P. Challener and twenty-one other ranks killed, Captain N. A. R. van Gruisen, Second-Lieuts. A. R. Tetlow and W. F. Calley and forty-eight other ranks wounded.

On the 16th the battalion was relieved and moved to Mory North Camp thence on the 17th to Courcelles-le-Compte. On the 23rd of December, while the Battalion was engaged on working and carrying parties in the line, Second-Lieut. J. H. Curry was wounded by shell fire.

The 12th King's were fortunate in being out of the line on Christmas Day, and their diary records that "an excellent Christmas Dinner was served to the troops, the warrant officers and sergeants having a dinner in the evening."

On the 27th the battalion moved to Mercatel in Corps Reserve, and spent the remainder of the year in that place, training.

17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Battalions

Last mentioned, the four battalions (17th, 18th, 19th and 20th) of the King's Regiment in the 30th Division had arrived out of the line east of Ypres in the Eceke area on the 5th of August, but on the 7th the 21st and 89th Brigades moved to Merris, the former brigade marching on the 11th to the IX Corps Reserve Area, *i.e.* Mont Noir.

Training then occupied all units until the third week in August when the 21st Brigade relieved a brigade of Australian troops in the Kemmel area, the 18th King's taking over the left sub-sector of the Wytschaete Ridge defences. Four other ranks were killed and seven wounded during the relief. Early on the

27th August

morning of the 27th, two Germans were seen outside No. 10 Post; they were covered by the rifles of the garrison, and a man went out and brought them in. They said they had gone to their company commander's dug-out to fetch candles, but lost their way back and wandered into our lines. A similar fate befell a party of four men of the King's carrying up rations during the evening of the 27th. They lost their way and wandered into the enemy's line. Two of them lay in a shell hole throughout the 28th and returned to their own line on the morning of the 29th, but the other two men were reported as "missing." On the 29th Second-Lieut. H. B. Boumphrey was wounded. The Battalion was relieved on the 30th and moved back to Torreken Farm, in support.

The 89th Brigade did not go into the front line again during August, but continued training, and it was not until the 2nd of September that the brigade moved up into the line in the Tower Hamlets district, the 19th King's (with the

17th Battalion

2nd Bedfords) going into the front line, the 17th Battalion in support and the 20th in reserve.

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The 19th Battalion was relieved by the 17th on the 9th of September, but went back again into the front line on the 19th. On the 20th, in conjunction with operations by troops north of the Ypres-Comines Canal, the Bedfords of the 89th Brigade advanced their left flank slightly and, similarly, raids were attempted by the 19th King's and the former battalion. 9th September

The raids were on two blockhouses, named "The Twins," much frequented by the enemy and which, owing to the amount of machine-gun fire which came from them, were a constant source of annoyance to the King's men and the Bedfords.

The raiding party of the latter consisted of twenty-five other ranks, under Captain C. Laird. The raid began at 6 a.m. and most determined efforts were made to capture the blockhouses. The enemy's machine-gun fire, however, proved too strong for the raiders, although several gallant attempts were made to reach the objectives. Captain Laird and six other ranks were killed and fourteen other ranks were wounded.

On the night of the 21st of September the 89th Brigade was relieved and moved back to the Kemmel area. Neither the 17th nor the 20th Battalions, though both served tours in the front line during the month, report any incident of more than ordinary interest. There was plenty of work in the front line and also a great deal of patrolling.

The 18th King's were in support on the 1st of September, but took over the front line again on the night of the 6th/7th in the Wytschæte Ridge defences. This was an uncomfortable part of the line. The enemy was extremely vigilant and no movement by day in the sentry or picquet lines was possible, though at night wiring parties and patrols were busy in No Man's Land. 18th Battalion 1st September

The Boche had a nasty habit of suddenly putting down a heavy barrage which usually lasted for eight minutes. Whenever he did this the R.F.A. were ordered to retaliate, and after 250 rounds had been fired "Jerry" became quiet. On relief on the 11th the battalion moved back to camp near Dranoutre. They were, however, back in support on the 21st and, in taking over from the 2nd Green Howards, had six other ranks killed and eight wounded. The following night they sent wiring and digging parties up to the front line and again suffered casualties, six more other ranks being killed, seven wounded and two died of wounds.

On the 24th an important change took place in the battalion. A draft of sixteen officers and 290 other ranks of the 1/1st Lancashire Hussars arrived to be amalgamated with the 18th King's, who were in future to be known as the 18th Lancashire Hussars Battalion, King's Liverpool Regiment—a mongrel title strongly objected to both by the Hussars and the King's men, but there was no way out of the difficulty.[1]

On the night of the 25th every available man of the battalion was sent up for wiring purposes; a belt of wire approximately eight hundred yards long was

[1] The 18th King's will, therefore, throughout the history be referred to as the 18th (L.H.) King's Regiment.

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erected between Junction Buildings and Roozebeek. On relief on the 26th the King's men moved back to reserve at Irish House until, on the 30th, they relieved the 2nd Green Howards in the front line, left sub-sector.

The 89th Brigade returned to the front line on the 1st of October. "We went into the line in front of Hollebeke," said General Stanley, "a fairly quiet spot from which we could get a most extraordinary view and could see for miles, and none of the Boche guns could fire without our being able to spot them. The whole system of holding the trenches was rather different to anything we had had before. Up till now our old way of holding the trenches had been a continuous front and support line with communication trenches, but here, owing to the nature of the ground which was in a terrible state, it was impossible to have regular trenches and the line was held more or less in small posts of about one N.C.O. and six men in front, and posts of rather bigger dimensions behind them. There were practically no communication trenches and all movement had to be out in the open."

The 30th Division, at this period, was holding the sector with the 89th Brigade remaining in the front line, while the 21st and 90th Brigades relieved each other; "a most suitable arrangement as far as we were concerned," said the Brigadier, "as it made very easy work for the battalions."

The Battles of Ypres were raging in various degrees of intensity while the division was in the line, but did not affect the front-line troops to any extent. True, it was often extremely unpleasant to be on the flanks of an attack. The Boche was doing considerable bombing round Kemmel, and at night there was always a certain amount of "liveliness."

The 17th King's had a somewhat unusual congratulatory message on the 3rd of October from the G.O.C. Division: "The G.O.C. congratulates the 17th Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment) on being the healthiest battalion in the division during the past month. This reflects great credit on all concerned."

Well, it was no small thing to keep healthy amidst all the beastliness of the front-line trenches and in filthy billets behind the lines.

19th Battalion 5th October

The 19th King's went first into the front line; they relieved the 2nd Bedfords in the Ravine sub-sector on the night of the 6th, the relief being complete by 11 p.m. The 17th and 20th "carried on" with working parties, of whom large numbers were required each night.

Rose Wood, Ravine Wood, and the Ravine were special targets on which the enemy's gunners regularly wreaked their vengeance, but as they were careful always to fire at the same hour each day or night, whatever troops were in this locality cleared out, and the Boche had all the show to himself. He never departed from his love of a regular programme, and punctuality, apparently, seemed to him to be the soul of a "successful" bombardment.

20th Battalion 11th October

The 20th King's relieved the 19th on the night of the 11th, and the records of the former battalion also mention the frequent shelling of Ravine Wood; sneezing gas was also used by the enemy—most uncomfortable and annoying.

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On the 16th, the 17th King's relieved the 20th Battalion. Two days previously the former Battalion had lost its C.O.—Lieut-Colonel T. S. Rendall —who had been replaced by Major C. N. Watson (from the 20th King's). 17th Battalion 16th October

The 17th were five days in the line when they were relieved by the Bedfords, but, before they took over, the former battalion suffered a serious loss. Major A. I. Draper was badly wounded by a shell which fell and exploded at his feet, and he died very shortly afterwards: "His was a very fine influence in the 17th Battalion," said the G.O.C., 89th Brigade, "and he was a great favourite amongst us all. He had been with us practically the whole time."

There is little which need be recorded from the Battalion Diary during the remainder of October, excepting an attempt on the 30th by a party of one officer (Second-Lieut. L. K. Pope) and fifteen other ranks to "scupper" a hostile post out in front of the shell-hole line in the Hollebeke sector. The party had got to within fifteen yards of the post when they were fired on with machine-guns. Leaving the majority of his party at that point, Second-Lieut. Pope and five other ranks crawled forward, but the enemy had quickly reinforced his post and, as the officer and one of his men were wounded, the party was forced to retire.

The end of October found the 19th King's relieved and back in Ramillies Camp, the 20th Battalion having taken over their line with the 17th Battalion in support. For the 18th Battalion, October was a strenuous month, though their sector of the front line was normally supposed to be "quiet." 18th Battalion

The beginning of the month was certainly of a "lively" character, for at midnight on the 30th September/1st October a large party of the enemy, estimated at forty strong, made a determined raid upon No. 11 Post, held by No. 3 Company. The N.C.O. in charge—L/Cpl. James Hughes—opened fire with his Lewis-gun, and the remainder of his team, six men, threw bombs and brought rifle-fire to bear on the approaching enemy with such good results that the latter retired in disorder. The N.C.O. then withdrew his gun and garrison from the threatened post to a position in rear and there awaited a further attack by the enemy, in accordance with the usual Boche tactics. Sure enough, after a short interval, on came the enemy again, but once more Hughes and his men gave the attackers such a warm reception that they bolted back to their own lines, not waiting upon the order of their going. For his skilful and determined resistance against odds, L/Cpl. Hughes was awarded the Military Medal. 1st October

Throughout the night the front and support lines of the 18th King's were constantly under shell-fire, and one other rank was killed and six other ranks wounded.

The Battalion Medical Officer—Dr. W. T. Chaning-Pearce—met with a sad end on the 1st of October. The story of the strange misadventure which ended in his death is given in full from the Battalion Diary. He "left his aid post at 0.21 central for the purpose of visiting No. 3 Company Headquarters at Wall Farm. It was quite light at the time and he was accompanied by an orderly. He proceeded along the Verne road, through Oostaverne, and eventually reached a post in the picquet line where he stopped and spoke with the

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N.C.O. on duty. This N.C.O. pointed out the position of Company Headquarters and the enemy's lines. Dr. Pearce assured him he knew his way to Wall Farm. He was seen by men holding posts in the shell-hole line to pass through our line of wire and shortly afterwards he was seen running back again towards our lines. Before he could reach cover, however, he was shot dead from an enemy blockhouse in the neighbourhood of Bee Farm (O.23.b.1.6). His orderly dragged him to a shell-hole and remained until he was convinced he was dead, then ran to our lines."

Patrols that night went out and carried the body back, and the Doctor was buried near Derry House.

On the 4th another party of Germans approached No. 11 Post, but with no better results than on the 1st.

Shell-fire was general by both sides at this period, and there were daily "shoots" which brought retaliation, all of which was "paid for" by the unfortunate infantry in the front line: five killed and wounded on the 3rd, five more on the 5th, seven on the 6th, and so on, though the diary states that the enemy was "inactive." On the 6th, fifty other ranks were permanently transferred to the 17th Battalion, one of the results of the coming of the Lancashire Hussars!

Most of the "scrapping" which went on during the month seems to have been in the neighbourhood of No. 11 Post, for again on the 10th prominence is given to that by no means delectable spot. An identification was necessary, and Second-Lieut. Tinkler with ten other ranks left the trenches to lie out in front of the enemy's posts opposite No. 11, in the hopes of securing a prisoner. They were, however, seen by the sentry on duty in the German post, and a large party of the enemy, estimated at about forty, endeavoured to capture the officer and his men. The latter, however, fought their way back to No. 11 Post, keeping off the enemy with bombs, rifle and Lewis-gun fire. Only one N.C.O. was wounded.

The 18th King's were relieved on the 11th and moved back to Kemmel Hill Camp, where, on the 17th, the following N.C.O.s were presented with Military Medals by the Corps Commander: Sergeant W. Bryce, Private J. Serella, L/Cpl. J. Hughes, and Private W. McLeish.

Out of the line large working parties were supplied, and early on the morning of the 21st a party numbering 250 other ranks and five officers were at work on a light railway in the forward area, when the enemy opened fire with high explosive and eight other ranks were wounded. The end of October found the 18th Battalion still in camp.

20th Battalion 31st October

It will be remembered that the 20th King's had relieved the 19th in the Hollebeke sector on the night of the 31st of October. The following night (at midnight) an N.C.O. and one other rank were sent out to reconnoitre a hedge in front of the line. The ground was marshy and progress slow, and in the darkness the patrol bumped into a German patrol of four men armed with bombs and revolvers. A fight ensued, in which one King's man was wounded and taken prisoner, but the other escaped. At midnight on the 2nd/3rd of

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November, Second-Lieut. N. W. Abraham, with fifteen other ranks, went out with the intention of occupying an enemy post, but the ground was in a terrible condition and progress was so slow that a surprise attack was impossible. Heavy machine-gun fire was opened on the patrol, but the party retired without casualties. At 2.15 a.m. on the 3rd the same party went out again to the same post with the intention of capturing a prisoner, covered by Lewis-gun fire.

Some idea of the "going" may be gathered from the fact that the party had, at one point, to wade through water up to their waists. While in this position they came under heavy machine-gun fire from The Mound and Canal Bank and, two men being killed and one wounded, they were forced to withdraw.

At 5.30 p.m. a small party of the enemy was observed in front of No. 10 Post. Lewis-gun fire was opened immediately and two of the Germans were wounded, one being taken prisoner.

On the 6th, the 20th Battalion was relieved by the 17th and moved back to Chinese Wall area. 6th November

The 17th Battalion similarly came in for heavy shell-fire on the 7th and 8th, four other ranks being killed and three wounded on the former date, and one other rank killed and six wounded on the latter. 17th Battalion 7th November

On the 10th a party of fifteen Germans attempted to raid a post held by one N.C.O. and six men. Under a shower of bombs the enemy rushed the post; a few got in and there was a sharp hand-to-hand fight before they were ejected. During the struggle the leader of the German party, a sergt.-major, was, as the diary relates, "taken on" by L/Cpl. J. H. Limm, who was in charge of the post. The fight ended in the German being mortally wounded, he died shortly afterwards. Limm was subsequently awarded the Military Medal "for his gallantry and good example."

The tour ended on the 11th and the 17th King's, after several moves, ended the month of November in Chippewa Camp, the 20th being not far off in Ontario Camp. 11th November

The 19th King's did not go into the front line in the 30th Divisional area during November, though on the 1st a party consisting of Lieut. J. Greenwood and thirty other ranks was attached to the 177th Tunnelling Company; the officer was wounded the following day. The battalion was in Ramillies Camp until the 8th, when a move was made to a camp near Ypres. From the 9th to the 24th the King's furnished large working parties for duty under the Canadian Railway Company. The parties were frequently shelled during the day and hostile aircraft dropped bombs occasionally on or near the camp. The consequence was that the battalion suffered casualties. Second-Lieut. J. H. Beare was wounded by an aircraft bomb on the 11th. On the 15th, shell-fire was responsible for the death of Second-Lieut. P. Barlow, while three men were wounded and one was missing. 19th Battalion

On the 26th, the 19th King's (the work for the Canadians having finished) moved to Camp Alberta, near Reninghelst, for the remainder of the month.

Similarly, the 18th King's did not go into the front line during November, *i.e.* not for the purpose of holding it. They were, on the 1st, on detachment with 18th Battalion

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the Canadian Corps at work on the light railway forward from St. Jean. It was this task which the 19th Battalion took over on the 8th, the 18th moving back to Kemmel, whence they marched to a camp at Irish House. On the 15th they returned to Kemmel, boarded 'buses which carried them to Steenvoorde, and marched thence to billets in St. Eloi. On the 26th they moved to Bedford House, and from that date until the end of the month supplied large working parties.

The latter part of November had given the 30th Division about ten days out of the line in which to carry out training. The time was all too short but it was spent to good advantage. On the 27th, however, the division had moved up into line again, taking over on this occasion a sector which included ground in front of Polderhoek Château and astride the Menin Road.

"The whole place was a sea of mud and shell-holes. Practically no trenches and no comfort of any description for anyone"; such is the description of the sector by the G.O.C., 89th Brigade.

The 89th Brigade sector was divided into two parts, one in front of the Polderhoek Château and the other across the Menin Road. Both were completely separate and each was to be held by one Battalion. The 21st Brigade held the Gheluvelt sector and a part of the line by Tower Hamlets. The 89th and 90th Brigades were to relieve each other, but the 21st was to hold their part of the line continually.

"The trenches were of a decidedly sketchy nature, and apart from the front lines, or portions of lines, there was very little depth in the defence as taken over. . . . It was a beast of a place and all the conditions were equally bad. This particularly refers to the Polderhoek Château position. . . . The scene of desolation in this district baffled all description. The whole place was simply one sea of shell-holes. There was not a single tree standing; just simply a few ragged poles, and what must once have been a lovely country was now the most desolate and dreary waste imaginable. Added to this, the debris of war did not have an encouraging effect. On all sides you saw marks of some tragedy, such as a broken gun, a set of torn equipment, steel hats—in fact, everything that denoted that some casualty has taken place at that spot. Unfortunately, too, it had not been possible in many places to bury the dead, both German and our own, and in other cases those who had been buried had been dug up again by the continual shell fire."[1]

17th Battalion

Of the 89th Brigade, the 17th King's went first into the line, taking over from the 17th Manchesters in the centre sub-sector, *i.e.* Polderhoek Sector, on

3rd/4th December

the night of the 3rd/4th of December; two other ranks were killed and six wounded during the relief—not a good start. Work on wiring and revetting began almost as soon as the line was taken over. The following day two more men were killed and four wounded; three were wounded on the 5th. On the 6th the battalion took two prisoners. On the 7th the 20th King's took over

20th Battalion 7th December

the front line from the 17th Battalion and the latter moved back to support

[1] G.O.C., 89th Brigade.

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positions at Torr Top Tunnel. After four days in support, spent in supplying carrying parties at night and in making concertina wire during the day, the Battalion was relieved by the 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers and marched back to huts in Scottish Wood Camp. The 13th and 14th were spent in the latter, then two days in support again, and two more days back in Scottish Wood Camp again. But on the night of the 18th the battalion relieved the Manchesters in the same sub-sector in front of Polderhoek Château. For two hours on the night of the 19th (from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.) the Boche artillery "let itself go" and swamped the whole sector with gas shells, necessitating the use of respirators. Gas shelling on marshy ground was always a beastly business, because the fumes clung tenaciously to dampness and seemed to be more pungent and effective.

20th December

At about 11.45 a.m. on the 20th an officer reported to Battalion Headquarters that the enemy, in large numbers, were creeping towards the battalion's line. Rifle and Lewis-gun fire failed to disperse them, and it was not until an artillery barrage was put down that the enemy scattered in disorder. By 12.20 p.m. all was quiet. Why the enemy attempted to attack the King's men in broad daylight is difficult to understand; to do so was courting failure.

20th Battalion 21st December

The 20th Battalion took over from the 17th on the 21st and the former moved back to support positions, relieving the 18th King's (21st Brigade) in the Bodmin Copse–Clapham Junction–Stirling Castle area.

The 17th spent their Christmas Day in Chippewa Camp, where the day was observed as a holiday, and at night the officers had their Christmas Dinner. On Boxing Day the men had their dinners and afterwards a concert in the Church Army Hut. But such times passed all too rapidly, and on New Year's Eve the Battalion was back once more in the Polderhoek sub-sector—in the midst of the mud and filth and blood of war.

19th Battalion 1st December

December the 1st found the 19th King's still in Alberta Camp, but on the morning of the 3rd the battalion was busily engaged in cleaning up for the move forward to take place that afternoon. At 2 p.m. the King's men left the camp and arrived at Manor Farm Halt at about 3.30 p.m., whence they proceeded by platoons at one hundred yards interval, "D" Company moving up to the front line on attachment to the 17th King's, "A," "B" and "C," and Headquarters going to Bodmin Copse.

But on the way to the latter place they were shelled, and the C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel G. Rollo), Capt. G. W. Mackay and two other ranks were wounded. They reached the Copse at 4.30, Captain H. L. Smith assuming temporary command until Captain A. L. Dodd arrived at about midnight.

4th December

The 4th was an uncomfortable day, or rather a more uncomfortable day than all days were when in the forward areas. The Boche artillery was very active: his guns shelled the tracks during the morning, opened a heavy barrage at 2 p.m., which swept Herenthage Château and Wood with great violence, and later turned his attention to Bodmin Copse and the tracks leading to and from it.

Working parties were found for work on Plumer's Drive, while other

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parties were detailed to bury dead, repair trenches, etc. On the 5th "A" Company moved up from Bodmin Copse to the neighbourhood of Stirling Castle in support of the 2nd Bedfords, who were holding the Polderhoek Château sector—a particularly pestilential spot. Again the enemy's shell-fire was heavy and three other ranks were killed, and Second-Lieut. J. B. Olley and one other rank were wounded. "D" Company was attached to the 17th King's on the 6th and captured a German. Over sixty 13 cm. shells were fired by the enemy round Battalion Headquarters in Bodmin Copse, yet no one was hit, and during the night he barraged the line no less than four or five times. The 7th was more peaceful, "B" Company relieved "D" in the front line, being attached to the 20th King's, who relieved the 17th on this date.

12th December

Until the 12th the 19th King's were in the forward area, but on that date were relieved by the 17th Manchesters and moved back to Fuzzeville. The 17th, however, found the battalion again in the forward area, moving up to Hedge Street Tunnels to relieve the 2nd Royal Scottish Fusiliers. On taking over and relieving the Scotsmen, working parties were at once supplied for digging a communication trench on the northern side of the Menin Road, and another party for carrying duties. The next day the King's were relieved in Hedge Street by the 20th King's, the 19th moving up to the front line in the left sub-sector. The tour lasted three days, on the expiration of which the 2nd Bedfords took over the front line, the 19th King's moving back to support, where they again supplied working parties.

The battalion had the good fortune to be back in Ontario Camp on Christmas Day, though it was not until Boxing Day that the King's men had their Christmas dinners and held their festivities, and this is how the Battalion Diary records the event: "All ranks below sergeant were accommodated in a local Y.M.C.A. hut, dinner commencing at 1 p.m. The fare consisted of roast pork, potatoes and other vegetables, and plum pudding. A free issue of beer was made. The Brig.-General, the Hon. F. C. Stanley, D.S.O., visited the men at dinner and stayed to witness the pantomime "Alladin," presented by the battalion concert party "The Duds." The dinners to the sergeants and the officers were held at night. Everyone spent an enjoyable day."

The years may come and go, but as long as there is a King's man left such things will be remembered, for they are of the Immortal Years.

The last day of the Old Year found the 19th King's back in the left sub-sector (west of Gheluvelt), where they record that the guns of both sides were quiet during the day, "but at 11 p.m. all our guns opened for a considerable time. On the minute of the Old Year closing they again opened out. The enemy did not reply."

20th Battalion

There is only one incident to record from the diary of the 20th King's. The battalion was holding the centre sub-sector (Zillebeke) on the 23rd of

23rd December

December when, at 5.30 a.m., four parties of the enemy were seen approaching from the direction of the Menin Road. They came on in single file, three parties, each averaging twenty-five men, made for the centre company's right flank. The S.O.S. was at once sent up and rifle fire was opened on the enemy.

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Only one party got to within thirty yards of the King's men and were bombed by the latter. The enemy fled back to his own lines in disorder. One wounded prisoner was brought in by the King's and several German dead were found during the night of the 23rd/24th, by a patrol.

The 20th King's were also out of the line on Christmas Day and, like the 19th, held their festivities on the Boxing Day, the battalion being then at Swan Château. They were still at this place on New Year's Eve.

18th Battalion 1st December

The 18th King's (21st Brigade) were at Bedford House on the 1st of December, engaged in supplying working parties for the forward area, but on the 4th they, too, went into the front line, taking over the Gheulvelt right sub-sector from the 2nd Wilts. Just after 10 p.m. that night the enemy shelled the line heavily, obtaining several direct hits on posts garrisoned by the right Company (No. 3). During this bombardment six N.C.O.s and men were killed and seven wounded. The enemy's shell, machine-gun and rifle fire was particularly heavy during this tour, while any movement in the neighbourhood of Battalion Headquarters after dawn brought down artillery fire at once. The Bassevillebeek Valley was specially marked down by the enemy. Each day there were casualties in the battalion, and no one regretted handing over the line to the 2nd Green Howards on the 8th. But even behind the line, in Brigade Reserve, there was little safety, for on the 10th four N.C.O.s and men were wounded on the tracks.

The battalion was at Chippewa Camp on Christmas Day, where special dinners were served to all ranks, and entertainments and football matches took place. On the last day of the Old Year the 18th were back in the support sector, *i.e.* Hedge Street.

Thus, for the twenty-one battalions of the King's Regiment in France and Flanders ended the momentous year 1917. In that year of exceptionally heavy fighting, of which the British Armies on the Western Front had borne the brunt, the King's men had taken their full share. They were engaged in almost every battle and action of importance, the records testify to their splendid courage, and in their heavy toll of casualties they paid the price of success or failure: for let no one assume that success attended them whenever they attacked, or were attacked by, the enemy.

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CHAPTER XXXVI

THE CAMPAIGN IN MACEDONIA

THE great battles and actions along the Western Front are apt to throw into the background those operations, smaller no doubt yet of considerable importance, which took place in other theatres of the World War. In France and Flanders King's men were adding day by day to the honours of the regiment, and yet it should not be forgotten that in Macedonia also the 14th Battalion (Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Lambert) of the 65th Brigade, 22nd Division, was "doing its bit" with courage and endurance and devotion to duty.[1] Fighting the Bulgars was not the only kind of warfare in which the battalion was engaged, for the constant struggle against insidious disease, such as malaria and dysentery, and extreme climatic conditions, was almost as intense as a fierce and bloody contest with the enemy. Every officer and man who served with the British Salonika Force "stood for England" and deserved honour of their country.

14th Battalion

Briefly, the general situation when the 14th King's arrived in Salonika in November, 1915, was as follows:—

It had become evident towards the fall of the summer of 1915 that, ere long, Germany and Austria-Hungary, probably assisted by Turkey and Bulgaria, would launch another attack upon Serbia, and that the latter would require the help of the Allied Powers. On the Bulgarian Government ordering mobilisation on the 22nd of September, Serbia at once asked the Allies for the assistance of 150,000 troops; the Greeks asked for a similar number. The latter were then in the unfortunate position of "sitting on the fence," uncertain which field to take. Great Britain and France were, at that period, deeply involved in the Dardanelles Campaign, and could spare no more than one British division (the 10th) and a French division to help the hard-pressed Serbians. On the 5th of October these two divisions arrived at Salonika, and the following day the Austro-German forces opened a carefully-prepared attack on Serbia. The King of Greece, on the 7th of October, assumed an attitude of doubtful neutrality, definitely refusing to help Serbia. Bulgaria descended over the latter unfortunate country on the 14th and advanced into Macedonia, which move was followed on the 16th and 17th by declarations of war by Great Britain and France on the Bulgarians.

Too late, however, were the Allied measures to assist the Serbians, for by the 22nd of October the Bulgarians had occupied Uskub, cutting off their opponents from falling back on Salonika. The Serbian retreat through Albania

[1] In the late summer of 1917 another battalion of the King's Regiment, *i.e.* the 2nd (Garrison) Battalion of the 228th Infantry Brigade, arrived in Salonika, and will be dealt with later.

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began on the 30th of November, and on the 15th of December the British and French forces in Macedonia were withdrawn and formed a semi-circle some seven to ten miles round Salonika, British on the right, French on the left. Such was the position when the 22nd, 26th, 27th and 28th British Divisions arrived and joined the 10th British and 156th French Divisions.

At the close of 1915, therefore, the 10th Division held the right of the line, east of Salonika, including the two necks of line from the Gulf of Rendino (or Orfano) to Beshik Geul (Lake), and from the latter to Langaza Geul; the 26th Division was on the left of the 10th Division and the 28th and 22nd Divisions and French Division (in that order from right to left) on the left of the 26th. The 27th Division was in Army Reserve.

New Year's Day, 1916, found the 14th King's at Daudli, engaged in digging entrenchments and on road making. These tasks seemed never ending. Daudli was roughly some twelve miles north of Salonika. The existing roads—and they were little more than tracks—were poor and in no way suitable for the constant wear and tear of transport and artillery; as military roads they were useless. All battalions were, therefore, turned on to road making and, in the absence of adequate means for carrying material, men became beasts of burden, "humping" rocks and stones in sand bags or shifting others by hand. It was real hard labour, but cheerfully borne to the everlasting credit of all ranks. 1st January, 1916

The defences and earthworks and small forts entailed, similarly, a prodigious amount of labour, for always it seemed that as soon as one line had been prepared the energetic staff selected another, and digging, sand-bagging, revetting, etc., began all over again.

To these hard conditions of labour were added the discomforts of terrible weather. Snow and rain frequently interrupted work.

Occasionally, hostile aircraft dropped bombs, but did little damage. Military training was carried out at intervals, and field days, with practice attacks on trenches, took place occasionally.

March began with heavy rain, the King's men being on the 1st at Kuru Dere, whence they moved to Rahmanli for the night; they were than engaged in brigade operations, though their camp was still at Daudli. On the 16th, however, they definitely moved to Ravine Camp until the 30th of April. On the latter date they marched in a north-westerly direction to Ambarkeui, just north of the Galiko River and the Salonika-Doiran Railway. March

In May, the 22nd Division began to move north, and on the 1st the 14th King's marched out of Ambarkeui to a point about one-and-a-half miles south of Kukush, where they bivouacked. They had, however, hardly settled down when rain began to fall, and for the next twenty-four hours fell heavily. The 3rd saw the beginning of very hot weather. On the 6th the battalion marched to Sarigeul ("Saragol" in the Battalion Diaries). Here they remained until the 24th of May, when another march of about six miles brought them north-west of Janes. The end of the month found the King's men again engaged partly in road making and partly in training. May

For just over three weeks the battalion remained at Janes, and then the

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65th Brigade was ordered back to Galiko Rest Camp. The King's men began the march on the 18th, moving by way of Salmanli, where they bivouacked on the 19th and spent the 20th. On the 21st they continued the march to Daudli, where once more they took over the defences of the village. Lieut. H. Elliott died this day of dysentery.

July

In July the 22nd Division began to move northwards again. Hitherto the records of both brigade and battalion contain no mention of any action with the enemy, nor even contact with the Bulgars, who held Doiran and generally (on the British front) the line of the Struma Valley. But the move which took place in July was to prove more exciting than the previous march north. On the 25th the brigade reports that a verbal message had been received from Divisional Headquarters that the move northwards would probably begin on the 28th. It was, however, the 29th before the brigade was actually on the move.

The King's men had spent the most of July in Daudli in training. Many officers and men were down with sickness and had been evacuated to hospital.

At 7 p.m. on the 29th the battalion (in Brigade) set out on the march northwards. The King's men reached Ambarkeui, where they bivouacked, after an hour's march in rain and semi-darkness. The march was continued to Sarageul on the 30th, and to Yenikeui (Jenekoj in battalion records) on the 31st.

The 65th Brigade, on the latter date, received orders to take over the front Kilindir–Piton des Zouaves from the 77th Infantry Brigade (26th Division).

2nd August

The relief of the latter brigade was completed on the 2nd of August, the 14th King's taking over trenches from the 10th Scottish Rifles at L'Ashpudele, *i.e.* from the railway to Doiran Station on the right to Les Lunettes on the left. The guns of both sides engaged in intermittent shell fire, but casualties were negligible.

On the 6th Second-Lieut. C. E. Haines, with Sergt. Weir and twenty other ranks, patrolled to Hill 227. There they captured a Bulgarian sentry on duty in the enemy's lines and brought him back, although under heavy fire. A few days later Lieut. Haines was awarded the Military Cross for gallant and skilful reconnaissance of Hill 227, and for obtaining valuable information of enemy's fortifications, capturing a Bulgarian prisoner before he could raise an alarm and bringing him back to our lines. Sergeant Weir was awarded the Military Medal for his share in the affair—the first Military Medal awarded to a soldier in the 22nd Division.

For several days following this patrol exploit the enemy shelled our trenches vigorously, to which the divisional guns replied with interest. On the 27th the King's men were relieved, and marched to Mihalova, near Lake Ardzan, where they bivouacked until 2 a.m. the next morning, when they took the road to Mount Ch^{lle} alongside the Lake. At 11.30 that night they arrived and bivouacked on Hill north-west of Baobab. A short rest out of the front line was followed by a return to the front line east of Ardzan village on the 5th of September. But this tour was also uneventful and the battalion, on the 8th, in heavy rain, moved back out of the line to the old camp near Baobab.

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From this place the C.O. and Adjutant made a preliminary reconnaissance of Piton Mitrailleuses, company commanders and the N.C.O.s doing likewise the following day.

During the morning of the 12th, verbal warning having already been given on the 11th, Brigade Headquarters issued instructions for an attack to be made on the enemy's defences on the Dorsal and Piton des Mitrailleuses spur, on the night of the 13th/14th of September. This area, when cleared of the enemy, was to be consolidated the same night.

For this attack the 65th Infantry Brigade with attached troops (11th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Royal Engineers and Machine-gun Company) were to be distributed as follows:—The main attack was to be commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Lambert, 14th King's Regiment, and consisted of two Groups, "A" and "B," *i.e.* "A"—of the 14th King's, half-section 65th Machine-gun Company and one section R.E.; "B"—12th Lancashire Fusiliers, half section 65th Machine-gun Company and one section R.E. Colonel Lambert was also to command Group "A" and Group "B" was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Tweedie (Gloucestershire Regiment). There were to be flank guards—right and left.

At 7 p.m. on the 11th the King's men moved up from camp near Baobab, north of the Smol, to a position of readiness in Ravin des Cuisiniers, where they bivouacked. They remained in this ravine throughout the 12th and until 7.30 on the 13th, shelled heavily at intervals, for the hostile troops they had opposite them were not Bulgarians, but Germans, whose intelligence was far better than that of the former, and who probably knew that an attack was materialising. On the 12th the King's had four other ranks wounded, and on the 13th (before the attack) seven killed and twenty-one wounded, Captain M. E. A. Anderson dying of his wounds later in the day. 11th September

At 7.30 p.m. the King's men moved out of the Ravin, passing through the wire in A.10 at a strength of 350 all ranks. The battalion then collected in the Macukovo Ravine at the point of assembly, establishing touch with the 12th Lancashire Fusiliers, who were on the left. At 9.30 p.m. Second-Lieut. Bryson and Second-Lieut. I. B. Humphrey took out patrols to investigate the enemy's wire, the latter officer becoming mortally wounded in carrying out his orders; he died on the 14th.

At 1.15 a.m. on the 14th, the battalion advanced to the attack, "A," "C" and "B" Companies forming the firing line with "D" in reserve at Battalion Headquarters, which were in Macukovo. 14th September

There are no details concerning the actual advance, but by 2 a.m. the Piton des Mitrailleuses and the Dorsal Ridge had been captured completely, and were in our hands.

Between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., however, the whole position was swept by a violent hostile barrage, not only on the captured positions but on the valley behind. Bombing attacks and enfilade machine-gun fire came from The Dome. At 2 p.m. the enemy launched fierce counter-attacks which were, however, broken up. At about 3 p.m. two hostile machine-guns were mounted on an

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eminence in front of The Dome; these two guns poured a severe enfilade fire into the positions held by the 14th King's, and the latter were compelled to withdraw down the southern slope of Dorsal Ridge. Two officers—Second-Lieuts. R. Hilditch and F. R. King—were killed here. At 4.35 p.m., having been informed of the situation, Divisional Headquarters ordered the position to be abandoned at dusk, but at 5.25 p.m., in consultation with Lieut.-Colonel Tweedie, Lieut.-Colonel Lambert decided to withdraw at once, and five minutes later the attackers fell back to a line north of Macukovo. The withdrawal was most ably supported by Lieut.-Colonel Arbuthnot's Group, and few casualties were suffered, either by the King's men or Lancashire Fusiliers, during the retirement.

The 14th King's lost in this action three officers killed, one officer died of wounds and three officers wounded. In other ranks their losses were 24 killed, 95 wounded and 21 missing—a heavy casualty list for the first engagement.

Until 9 p.m. on the 15th the battalion rested in Smol Ravine, the Battalion Diary stating: "Everybody much fatigued after exertions of the attack." The King's, at 9 p.m., marched to Oreovica where they remained until the 23rd, when they again moved forward, taking over reserve entrenched positions B.3 and B.4 north-west of Smol.

For gallant conduct during the operations on the 13th/14th Lieut. F. N. Cross was awarded the D.S.O., Capt. A. R. Sykes the Military Cross, Company Sergt.-Major F. Connell and Sergeant P. Holden the D.C.M., and Sergeant W. Maddocks, Corporals Robinson and Bresquar and Private Moon the Military Medal.

October

Little of importance happened during October. An attempt by a strong patrol, taken out by Capt. Sykes on the 18th, to capture a prisoner, failed, as no hostile patrol was encountered. The battalion was heavily shelled on the 22nd, as the divisional artillery had begun "preparation" work for a raid by the 67th Brigade and the enemy retaliated. On the 25th the King's, who had been resting at Oreovica, were moved to a new position near Kalinova. The battalion arrived at 3 a.m. on the 26th, after a hard march, at Cedimli which was, apparently, the "new position." Having arrived at Cedimli, however, no more moves (with the exception of tours in the front line and in support or reserve) took place until the 26th of November, when the brigade moved to another sector east of Lake Doiran.

On the 27th the battalion marched to Hirsova and that night bivouacked between Mohaheli and Moravca, and by the night of the 28th had reached the Rabovo sector, taking over trenches the next day from Italian troops.

16th December

On the 16th of December Lieut. Jones and Second-Lieut. Hampson, with forty other ranks, patrolled in the direction of Cakli. They encountered two Bulgar patrols with whom they had some stiff fighting, which ended in the King's men killing ten and wounding many of the enemy and bringing in two prisoners. The King's had no casualties. The patrol was highly complimented by the Brigadier on this brilliant little exploit.

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On the 19th Lieut. Jones took out another strong patrol of two officers and sixty other ranks, but did not succeed in encountering the enemy. On the 23rd, a patrol of "B" Company came in contact with a Bulgar patrol and sent back a message for assistance. Lieut. Jones went out with fifty men but the enemy escaped. 19th December

Three days later the 65th Brigade carried out a raid on the enemy's outposts in Brest, Hodza Redoubt and Akindzali. The King's men sent seventy-five men of "C" Company, under Lieut. Jones, and parties of "A" and "B" Companies, under Second-Lieuts. Turton, McEwen, Hampson and Buchan. These parties first met at the Regimental Aid Post at 5 p.m. and then moved off at 6 p.m. to take up positions in Bulamac, Erdzili West, Erdzili East, Cakli and Akindzali Station. The remainder of the battalion stayed in the trenches. 22nd December

By 1.30 a.m. (27th) all parties were reported in position. The Bulamac party was three times challenged by the enemy while waiting for the signal to assault, but orders had been given that no shot was to be fired before the signal was given. The night was bitterly cold, and the men had difficulty in keeping quiet.

At 6.30 a.m. the guns opened fire on Akindzali West—the signal for the assault. The Bulamac party then demonstrated against Akindzali East, but were met by considerable rifle fire, though only two casualties were sustained. At 7.47 a.m. orders were received to cease the attack on the latter village, which was then shelled by the field and mountain batteries.

News had been received at 7.17 a.m. that Brest had been occupied at 7.9 a.m., and the Hodza Redoubt at 7 a.m., and that the Brest party were withdrawing at 8 a.m. Eventually all parties were withdrawn, though the withdrawal was carried out in bright sunlight. The Erdzili Cakli and Akindzali Station parties did not encounter the enemy. By 10.35 a.m. all were back in the battalion lines.

This raid was the last incident of any importance during the year 1916, and on the 31st of December the 14th King's still held front-line trenches in the Robovo sector.

On the 1st of January, 1917, the 14th Battalion (65th Brigade, 22nd Division) was holding front-line trenches in the Robovo sector, east of Lake Doiran. Their brigade was, at this period, "independent," *i.e.* detached from the 22nd Division and holding a part of the front line outside the divisional sector. 1st January, 1917

The Brigade Diary sums up the general situation on New Year's Day in the following brief sentence: "All quite on our front." But it was not to remain so for long, for on the following day orders were issued for operations to take place with a view to capturing the Bulgarian garrison of Akindzali East and West.

Information had been obtained from prisoners and deserters that Akindzali West was held by about sixty men, and Akindzali East by about fifty; and that between the two places there was a connecting post; also that a clump of trees

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north of Hodza Redoubt was occupied by a post of twelve men, and the wood south-west of Akindzali West was occupied by a post of similar strength; Savdzali and the two Gevzeklis were said to be unoccupied.

The operations were to be conducted in three phases: (i) the occupation of Akindzali Station, Cakli, Erdzili East and West, and Bulamac, at dusk; (ii) bombardment of Akindzali East, Hodze Redoubt, Cemetery Wood and Savdzali, occupation of Hodza Redoubt, assault and occupation of Akindzali East, demonstration on Brest and Garbali; (iii) occupation of Savdzali, Cemetery Wood and Hodza Wood, bombardment and assault of Akindzali West.

The operations were to be carried out by the King's and 9th East Lancashire Regiment.

The O.C., King's Regiment, was to detail parties of one officer and fifteen men each to occupy Akindzali Station, Cakli, Erdzili East and Erdzili West. A party of one officer and fifty men with one Lewis-gun was to occupy Bulamac; this party was then to become the reserve during the second and third phases of the operations. These parties were to be in their respective positions by dusk. Small patrols would be moved out to their respective places during daylight. The O.C., King's, was also to detail two separate parties, each under a specially selected officer, consisting of one hundred men with their complement of officers.

One of these parties was to be detailed as the Akindzali East assaulting column, the other for the occupation of Savdzali. The two columns were to assemble in Bulamal by 5.30 p.m.

The East Lancashires were to assault Hodza Redoubt, occupy Hodza Wood and take the church due west of Akindzali West.

In the second phase of the operations the party of King's men detailed for capture of Akindzali East was to move under cover of the artillery bombardment to its point of deployment and assault, and capture its objective on the bombardment lifting.

In the third phase the King's men, detailed for the occupation of Savdzali, would leave Bulamac and, moving round the north of Akindzali East during the bombardment of that place, advance towards Savdzali, occupying it with as little delay as possible.

The operation orders for the attack occupy several foolscap sheets of typewritten matter, but sufficient has been given for the purpose of following the operations of the 14th King's Regiment.

The original date of the attack was the 4th of January, but there was a strong head wind on that day which would have seriously affected the shooting of the artillery. It was, therefore, decided to postpone "Zero" until 6.45 p.m. on the 6th.

6th January

There is an excellent report of the operations in the diary of the 14th Battalion, and it is given in full:—

"Lieut.-Colonel Lambert, D.S.O. (O.C., King's Regiment) was in command of the attacking parties.

"05.30 (5.30 a.m.). The assaulting parties were in position and advanced

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battalion battle headquarters established in Bulamac by 05.30 hours, and communication was opened with Brigade Battle Headquarters.

"06.45 (6.45 a.m.). At 6.45 a.m. our artillery opened and the assaulting parties advanced to the positions of assault. After a brief fight the Akindzali East party occupied the village and fired three Green lights, denoting they had occupied this village.

"The signal for assault on Akindzali West was then given from Popovo, and as soon as the artillery fire lifted all parties assaulted, but found the village empty. Touch was immediately gained with the assaulting parties of the East Lancs., who came from the south. The Savdzali party found three unarmed Bulgars in a dug-out north of Akind ali West. They were taken prisoner. Meanwhile advanced headquarters, under Lieut.-Colonel Lambert, had moved forward to a small nullah north of Bulamac. A party of about twenty Bulgars had established themselves in a trench east of Akindzali East.

"A good deal of musketry fire took place here, and one of our men was killed and some wounded. The Bulgars were dislodged by the battalion bombers under Second-Lieut. Hughes, by rifle grenades, a direct hit on a Bulgar being obtained; survivors got away to the north through the village to west of Akindzali East; about ten Bulgars were killed. Headquarters then moved into Akindzali East. It was reported personally by Lieut. Jones that Akindzali West had been searched and that touch was established with the East Lancs. This was reported by wire to brigade (08.52, *i.e.* 8.52 a.m.), and the signal for the withdrawal was given at 08.52 hours and was repeated from Akindzali East. All parties then withdrew.

"The party north of the road, under Capt. Smith, was shelled heavily by the enemy's artillery, which also put up a weak barrage south of Akindzali and Bulamac. No casualties were sustained during the withdrawal. Total casualties during assault were: one killed, one died of wounds, six wounded. Section of Machine-Gun Company attacked—also one killed. Three Bulgars were taken prisoner, fifteen killed, and many more wounded."

Thereafter several days of quietude passed, but on the 14th at dawn Lieut. Jones took over a party to raid Akindzali East, and although the raiders encountered a Bulgar patrol, which retired immediately, and the village was entered, no fighting took place.

On the 18th the 2/22nd London Regiment relieved the 14th King's and the latter marched back to Snevche, the first stage of a four days' march to Spancova. The 65th Brigade had now rejoined the 22nd Division, and was placed in Divisional Reserve with Headquarters at Spancova. 18th January

With Battalion Headquarters near Spancova Farm, "A" and "B" Companies half-a-mile north-north-east of the latter, and "C" and "D" Companies at work at Oreovica, the remainder of January passed uneventfully for the King's men.

"Uneventful" is used in its comparative sense, for the term is meant to imply that there was no fighting. Yet there *were* other events, the memory of which Time cannot altogether banish. For one thing, the awful conditions of

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the long winter months on the Salonika front, with intermittent rain and snow and icy winds, the horrible condition of men, camped at times in a swampy valley or clinging like mountain sheep almost to the bare, rocky sides of hills—anywhere to be out of mud and water—such things will never be forgotten. A campaign has many sides and in the campaign in Macedonia the conditions under which the troops lived and fought, or held the front line, were often worse than the troops on the Western Front were called upon to endure.

1st February — On the 1st of February, the King's men were camped along the bank of the Selimli Dere, a stream running north from east of Spancova through numerous ravines and nullahs until it reached the village of Selimli, some ten miles from its mouth, where it flowed into Lake D'Ardzan. Another Dere, Cidemli, branched off from Selimli Dere, just west of the village of Ardzan and turned north-east. The Vardar River was west of, and roughly two-and-a-half miles from, Spancova.

There are no maps with any of the diaries (battalion, brigade or division) and the Bulgar lines are difficult to describe. East of the Vardar the enemy's trenches faced south, south-east and east of Bogorodica, running north-east of Stojakodvo and Pobreg, thence turned east and north-east to Doiran, an irregular line crossing spurs, ravines and hills; and our line was no better. A hard and difficult country in which to make warfare.

6th February — On the 6th of February the King's moved nearer the front line, though still remaining in reserve, Headquarters, with "C" and "D" Companies to the Glencoe Ravine, "A" and "B" Companies further north, but one company on each bank of Selimli Dere. On the 14th the front line was taken over, two companies in the trenches, two in support. The sub-sector taken over was apparently the centre, south-east of the Nose—the south-eastern apex of the Bulgar lines. On the 19th and 20th there were artillery demonstrations on the Nose which, however, did not apparently involve the King's men with the enemy's infantry.

3rd March — It was the 3rd of March before the battalion was relieved and marched back to Spancova Farm, the 65th Brigade having been placed in divisional reserve. On the 19th the King's moved to a camp west of the Oreovics–Smol track, where they came under the 67th Brigade for administration purposes. Work at Bujuklu, digging defences in the Ravine, kept them busy until the 8th of April, when the battalion took over the front line again from the 9th South Lancs. in the neighbourhood of Horseshoe Hill; two companies in the front line, one in reserve and one for administration purposes at Whale Back position. These positions were now on the eastern side of the 22nd Divisional front, Horseshoe Hill being about a mile east of Krastali. But again there was little to report during this front-line tour and on the 16th, when the King's were relieved, they moved south to Point 323, five hundred yards east of Asagi Mahale, where "digging defences" became their daily task once more.

24th April — The Battle of Doiran, 1917, opened on the 24th of April, the attack of the XII Corps being made by the 22nd and 26th Divisions.[1]

[1] The entire absence of maps makes it impossible to describe the attack but briefly.

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The 14th King's were not, however, one of the assaulting battalions, but were detailed for digging defences, etc., and as carrying parties during the attack. They lost two other ranks killed, and twenty wounded during the first day of the operations. They carried out similar duties on the 25th, when one other rank was killed, eleven wounded and one was missing. On the 29th the battalion moved up to Pearse Ravine in the support line and on the 30th took over their old positions on Horseshoe Hill, relieving the 12th Cheshires; five men were wounded on this date.

On the 2nd of May the battalion marched up Pearse Ravine and relieved the 9th King's Own in O.F. sector. The relief was completed just before midnight, but one officer (Capt. Jones) and five other ranks were wounded. 2nd May

The guns of both sides were busy, and during the next few days the King's men suffered from shell-fire; four other ranks were killed and Second-Lieut. Lockett and twelve other ranks wounded on the 4th; four men were wounded on the 5th, eight on the 6th, and eight on the 7th. On the 8th an attack by troops on the right of the battalion brought down a heavy hostile barrage all along the line, and Second-Lieut. T. C. Turton and four other ranks were killed, and Second-Lieut. McEwen and Second-Lieut. Watts and twenty-four other ranks were wounded. Three other ranks were wounded on the 9th, though hostile shell-fire had slackened considerably.

On the night of the 10th–11th the battalion was relieved, the relief beginning at 10 p.m., though it was not completed until 2.40 a.m. on the 11th. The King's were glad to be out of the front line, for they were very exhausted. They moved back to Point 323, where they sheltered in dug-outs and bivouacs all day.

The 12th was spent in cleaning up and resting, companies also attending swimming baths. In the evening the divisional concert party gave a "show," which all ranks enjoyed. The diary of the 13th of May contains mention of the award of the Military Medal to Sergt. Jenkinson for gallantry and devotion to duty.

Until the 25th the King's remained in divisional and brigade reserve, a good deal of time being spent in rest, which all badly needed. But the term "rest" is comparative—it meant relief from the front line, for rest periods could be just as strenuous as life in the trenches, though possibly not so dangerous. Working parties were supplied by the King's men towards the end of this period in reserve, but on the 25th at night they relieved the Lancashire Fusiliers in C Sector, only until the 30th, however, on which date they moved back to Pearse Hill in reserve to the 66th Division.

June passed without incident and there is nothing of note until the 26th of July, when on that date Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Lambert left the battalion on recall to India. A simulated attack took place on the night of the 9th, the 14th King's being then in B Sector. On the 17th Major F. Call (1st R.I.R.) joined the battalion and assumed command. June

On the 29th of August a patrol, under Lieut. A. N. Callaghan, went out to reconnoitre the ground east of Corne du Boise (the King's men then holding the 29th August

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Pillar Hill Sector). The patrol met with vigorous resistance but, being well led, returned without casualties. Our guns had opened a vigorous bombardment of the enemy's positions, especially P4¼, 06 and 02, on the 28th, which continued on the 29th and 30th. Hostile retaliation increased in volume on the latter date, but at night the 12th Lancashire Fusiliers raided P4¼, going through the line of the King's men. The raid was successful, but just before midnight the enemy raided Jackson's Ravine and P4¼, after putting down a very heavy barrage. A counter-attack drove him out of P4¼ and he evacuated the Ravine. The King's men, however, lost in this affair Lieut. A. N. Callaghan and four other ranks killed, and sixteen other ranks wounded.

A huge grass fire was started that night on the summit of Pillar Hill but, although shelled with shrapnel and under machine-gun fire, Headquarters Company succeeded in getting the fire under control before damage was done to the communications.

15th October — Lieut.-Colonel G. M. Bond (K.O.Y.L.I.) joined for duty on the 15th of October and assumed command of the Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel F. Call having been evacuated to hospital on the 25th of August.

23rd October — A patrol raid on Z.26 in O.4 ("B" Sector) in daylight on the 23rd of October was well carried out. Information was desired as to the general situation at the junction of trenches on the right of Z.27, also on the approaches from the south and south-west of Z.26.

The patrol consisted of Second-Lieut. E. F. E. Peacock and six other ranks.

At 3 a.m. the patrol left C.4 for the Jumeaux Ravine. The way lay *via* Tor Ravine, which was waist-high in scrub, difficult to penetrate, but at last, after two hours, the Jumeaux stream was reached; the latter was of an average depth of one foot six inches and about ten feet in breadth. Cover, however, was good, the ground being absolutely "dead" to the enemy.

By early dawn (5.55 a.m.) the patrol was in position three hundred yards east of the junction of Tor Ravine and Jumeaux Ravine, and remained under cover in dead ground close to the stream until 8.50 a.m.

The artillery bombardment began at the latter hour and the patrol advanced (still under cover) by way of a grass depression, free from scrub, until it was within seventy yards of the trench.

At 9.13 a.m. (the artillery bombardment having ceased at 9.5 a.m.) the patrol, in two lines, ten yards distance at three paces interval, began to enter the trench.

The guns had failed to cut the wire in front of Z.26, but the patrol got through and entered the Bulgar trenches. Already, when fifty yards from the wire, a sentry at the junction of the communication trench and fire trench had observed the patrol and had fired a red Véry light. The patrol then came under rifle fire from O.3, when also several more flares were sent up, but Second-Lieut. Peacock got through without casualties.

With one man the O.C. patrol worked up Z.26 until they reached a dug-out just before the junction of the communication and fire trenches on the right of Z.27. Here Second-Lieut. Peacock shot a Bulgar and dropped a bomb into the

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dug-out. He then withdrew his men down the trenches and, owing to the gathering opposition and rifle fire, withdrew hastily. As the patrol was getting through the wire about a dozen bombs were thrown by the Bulgars, while from O.3, rifle fire was opened, about twenty Bulgars being seen standing above their own parapet to get a better shot at Second-Lieut. Peacock and his men.

The latter withdrew down the stream bed and entered the sap leading to Silbury Fort.

In this gallant venture the King's suffered one casualty: Corporal O. Sullivan was seriously wounded. He found his way back to Rockley by the left sap, but died later in the Casualty Clearing Station.

Lieut.-Colonel Bond was evacuated to the Field Ambulance on the 3rd of November, and Major C. W. Longren assumed temporary command until Major A. R. Sykes returned from leave on the 7th. On the 8th there is an entry in the Battalion Diary to the effect that No. 21085, L/Sergeant C. Ingram, had been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action on the 14th of September, 1916, at Macukovo. November

Colonel Bond returned to the battalion on the 15th.

On the 24th, while the battalion was in brigade reserve at Shelter Ravine, the enemy, after a heavy preparatory bombardment, attempted to raid P.4½. One officer and thirty other ranks of the King's were sent up to Pillar Hill in close support, three men of "A" Company being wounded.

The ration strength of the battalion at this period was twenty-nine officers and 714 other ranks which, considering the climatic conditions and the amount of sickness rife, showed that the King's men were "sticking it" very well.

Snow and rain fell early in December. Sickness seems to have been on the increase, for on the 18th five officers and twenty-two other ranks were sent to the Divisional Isolation Camp at Piton Rocheux, while two officers and 170 other ranks were under special treatment at the Transport Lines for malaria. December

Christmas Day was passed by the battalion in the front line in the Pillar Hill sector, but by the last day of the year it was back again in brigade reserve in Shelter Ravine.

If this record of the 14th Battalion of the King's Regiment on the Macedonian front reads tamely compared with the doings of their comrades in France and Flanders, it should be remembered that the former, no less than the latter, were "doing their bit" in the War. *Someone* had to hold the line north and north-west of Salonika; *someone* had to endure all the rigours of a strange, unhealthy climate amidst the wild and rocky country south of Doiran. Perched high (often) on the sides of a bare hill, or "dug in" in a swampy valley—subject to the attacks of swarms of mosquitoes of the most vicious species—with disease often a worse enemy than the Bulgar, our troops on the Salonika front deserved the utmost praise for their tenacity and devotion to duty. When there was a "scrap" to do they did it, and did it exceedingly well, too. They became almost experts in mountain warfare—like mountain sheep in getting about the hills and rocky fastnesses of that difficult country.

The 2nd Garrison Battalion of the King's Regiment also served in

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2nd Garrison Battalion

Salonika, and although their diary begins only on the 22nd of January, 1917, it is obvious from the diary kept by headquarters of a composite brigade in Mudros that the Garrison Battalion was at Imbros during the latter part of 1916.

January 1917

From the records, however, their story begins as stated in the fourth week in January, 1917, when they were apparently employed as "L. of C." (Lines of Communication) troops on the Sarigol–Snevci road, with headquarters at Kara Amatli.

Garrison battalions were mostly composed of men not up to first-class fighting standard, being either too old or unable to stand the strain of life in the front-line trenches.

The conditions under which the battalion worked and lived were anything but conducive to good health. In every kind of weather—snow, frost, rain—work had to be carried out and admissions to hospital were the result.

The Battalion Diary for January, 1917, mentions only two Companies—"B" and "C"—and is signed by the Commanding Officer—Lieut.-Colonel J. S. Melville. A move was made to Gramatna on the 1st of February, where work of a similar nature, whenever the weather permitted, was carried out on the roads and bridges over the Spanc River.

It is difficult to infuse interest into the story of this Garrison Battalion on the Salonika front, nevertheless the work they did was important, though unobtrusive. The lines of communication had to be kept in good repair and the way to and from the forward areas passable for foot and wheeled traffic—in such a country as Macedonia a very difficult task. The Battalion Diary for February has the following summary of work done during the month. The entry is dated the 28th:—

"The section of the road allotted to the battalion can be said to be finished. It now only requires being kept in repair, by constant 'saltings' and by keeping the drains and ditches clear. During the month, in addition to work on the main road, two quarries, two bridges, and a new road to Quarry No. 1 have been constructed."

1st July

From February the records of the 2nd Garrison Battalion jump to the 1st of July, the King's being on that date at Dudular, not far from Salonika; there is nothing of interest in the diary for the month. On the 1st of March, however, the diary begins with the statement that "instructions received that 2nd Garrison Battalion, King's Liverpools, are to replace 2nd Garrison Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, in the 228th Infantry Brigade."

The 228th Brigade was attached to the 28th Division, having joined that division in March. The transfer of the 2nd Garrison Battalion to that Brigade was, therefore, a significant change in the status of the King's men. Indeed the diaries show how men of low medical categories were being weeded out and others taken over from the Royal Irish Fusiliers of higher standard.

17th August

On the 17th of August the King's entrained for, and reached, Sarigol once more, where they took over 232 other ranks and several officers of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the strength of the former battalion on marching being ten officers and 393 other ranks.

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The 2nd Garrison Battalion remained at Sarigol until the 24th when, having despatched the last draft of seventy-three other ranks to Dudular who were unfit for field service, the battalion moved to Kukus *en route* to Paprat, Headquarters of the 228th Brigade.

Marching *via* Kurkut, Krusova and Hodza Mah, the battalion reached Paprat on the 29th.

On reaching their destination the King's were quartered in the Durham Light Infantry camp, "pleasantly situated but parts of it are low lying." The battalion was in brigade reserve, the three other units of the brigade holding the front line, which ran from Gurlemli to South Bestavok. The other battalions in the Brigade were the 2/5th Durham Light Infantry, 1st Garrison Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, and the 22nd Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Intensive training was begun immediately, for the time was not far distant when, for the first time, the Garrison Battalion would go into the line and be responsible for a sub-sector. A week passed in this way, though sickness was beginning to thin out the battalion. That low-lying portion of the camp was mosquito-infested, and cases of malaria were becoming all too frequent.

Musketry training followed intensive training, but by the 14th of September sickness had so much increased (one officer and forty-six other ranks were admitted to hospital between the 6th and 13th) that an anti-mosquito campaign on a large scale was started. Although this seriously interfered with training it did much good. During the third week of September the battalion moved to a new camp on the hillside above St. Patrick's Well—a more healthy spot, but for three or four weeks admissions to hospital averaged about forty other ranks.

The 1st of October still found the battalion in brigade reserve, the "Summer Line" (as mentioned above) being held by the three other battalions. The King's men passed the "Salonika Army Test Course in Musketry," the standard attained being good. 1st October

On the 5th orders were received for the brigade to move to the "Winter Line" in the Struma Valley. The sub-sector to be occupied by the 228th Brigade was bounded on the south by the line Bursuk–Hamzali cross roads Bali Oglular (all inclusive) to the line Lozista–North Bestavuk–Mutlovo (all exclusive). The line was to be taken over on the night 14th/15th of October.

The King's men were not, however, detailed to go into the front line. They left Paprat on the 13th and proceeded by march route to Ismaili. The weather, which had been bad the two previous days, was worse than ever during the march. An exceptionally heavy thunderstorm broke over the troops, and soon everyone was soaked to the skin. But notwithstanding the state of the roads and the weather very few men fell out, or reported sick the next day. The 14th was dry and fine and the men were able to dry their clothes, and continued the march to Gumus Dere in something approaching comfort. The 15th was fine and hot, and another two hours' march during the evening brought the battalion to Turbes—the destination of Brigade Headquarters.

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9th November

In Turbes (in brigade reserve) the King's men remained until the 9th of November, training and getting ready for the front line, when their turn should come to go into the forward trenches. Lieut.-Colonel J. S. Melville relinquished command of the battalion on the 15th of October and Lieut.-Colonel G. Ward assumed command on the following day. But with the exception of a move to Dracos, November passed without incident. Billets in the latter village were taken over on the 9th, the King's men having relieved the 1st Garrison Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, in X Line, Battalion Headquarters, with "C" Company and half of "D" Company being located in the village. On the 1st of December orders were received to take over the B.W. Line (an outpost line). This line joined up with the outpost line of the 85th Brigade (28th Division) between Nevoljen and Cuculuk, and ran in front of the latter place, joining up with the outpost line of the 83rd Brigade (28th Division) at a point about two hundred yards east of Elisan. The defences of this line were then under construction; they consisted of a chain of works (C shaped), wired all round and prepared for all-round defence. The line was held by three companies, "A," "C" and "D," while "B" Company (less two platoons) was in Cuculuk with Battalion Headquarters; the remaining platoons of "B" Company were at Elisan helping in the construction of another post recently begun. The object of constructing and holding the above line was to facilitate movement on the left bank of the Struma and allow for enterprise against the more exposed part of the Bulgar lines.

17th December

On the 17th of December Lieut. J. J. Jackson and thirty-six other ranks went out on patrol and to investigate a supposed new enemy work close to Topalova, but found the work to be an old one. On the night of the 20th/21st the work was again visited by the same officer, but without incident.

On the 27th the battalion took over B.X Line from the 22nd Rifle Brigade, and in this situation the year 1917 closed quietly.

14th Battalion

15th January, 1918

The 14th King's remained in brigade reserve during the first fortnight of 1918, and on January 15th took over No. 4 Sector (Pillar Hill, Horseshoe, etc.), of the line from the 12th Lancashire Fusiliers. The strength of the battalion on the 20th was twenty-eight officers and 892 other ranks. The weather during this tour was fine and warm, and the only activities of note were two raids carried out in the early hours of the 24th. At 3.5 a.m. four parties of "B" Company, under the command of Capt. H. McEwen, proceeded through our wire with Krastali as their objective. A small party of sappers for demolition purposes was attached to "B" Company. At about 4 a.m. the leading parties were within fifty yards of the enemy wire, when an attack was made upon their left flank by at least fifty Bulgars. Simultaneously a heavy trench mortar barrage was put down, some ten yards in front of the enemy wire, accompanied by rifle and machine-gun fire. When attempts were made to cut the wire a series of bomb traps and land mines also exploded. It was obviously impossible to make any progress at this point, but one party, under Second-Lieut. Lynch, succeeded in cutting a gap through the wire, and penetrated into the village. Although wounded in the chest before reaching the wire, Second-Lieut. Lynch

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was again wounded. At 4.50 a.m. orders to withdraw were given, and the Company re-entered our lines at 6 a.m. Contemporaneously with this raid, Lieut. I. O. Atkins, with twenty men of "D" Company, raided P4¼. This field work was thoroughly searched before the party returned to our lines at 6.20 a.m. Sergeant Bramwell, finding that a man was missing, gallantly returned alone to P4¼, although it was now being shelled by our guns, and carried him back to safety. The total casualties in the two raids were five other ranks killed, one officer and seventeen other ranks wounded, and four other ranks missing. For gallantry in this action Sergeants Hogarth and Bramwell were subsequently awarded the Military Medal.

The Kings were withdrawn on the 29th, and went into corps reserve at Pivoines, Sharps Ridge and Piton des Anglais. Work on the Lake Line, and anti-malarial treatment commenced, and was proceeded with until February 11th, when training began, On the 17th heavy snow fell to a depth of over two feet, and for the next ten days the bitterly cold "Vardar" wind blew. On March 15th the battalion again relieved the Lancashire Fusiliers, this time in No. 1 Sector of the line at Minden Ravine. After a quiet tour they were relieved on Good Friday. The middle of April found the Kings back again in Minden Ravine and on the 22nd, as a result of enemy retaliatory fire, two officers were wounded, 1 other rank killed and 8 wounded. On May 1st the Kings moved back into Corps Reserve at Moracva, where they remained until the beginning of June, when they relieved the 12th Cheshire Regiment in sub-section reserve in Shelter Ravine.

15th March

On the 9th the 14th Kings were withdrawn, and on the 19th they embarked at Itea for Taranto, whence they entrained for France and arrived at Serquex Camp on June 26th.

19th June

On August 13th, the 14th King's absorbed the 18th Battalion (Lancashire Hussars) King's Regiment, and the re-organised regiment became known as the 18th (Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool) Regiment.

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CHAPTER XXXVII

THE LAST WINTER IN THE TRENCHES IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS

(ii) 1ST JANUARY–28TH MARCH, 1918

FOR the Allies the Year 1918 began under no happy auspices. The breakdown of Russia, added to our heavy losses during 1917, had placed the enemy in a more favourable military situation than could have been expected; in comparison with the Allies he was, indeed, numerically stronger than he had ever been.

The New Year, therefore, loomed dark and dismal, with no promise of the extraordinary events which happened in March and ended in November. There is no doubt that for the Higher Commands of the opposing armies the situation was unusually grave, but in the front-line trenches, in the support areas, or back in rest billets, so far as the British Army was concerned, the regimental officers and the rank and file of all battalions viewed the coming of another year of warfare with what, perhaps, may best be described as cheery pessimism, which meant just this: that with their characteristic refusal to be dismayed or downhearted, be the situation never so bad, they would joke with death all round them, poke fun at conditions which defy description and, though feeling in their hearts that things were not at all well with the Allies, it was their nature nevertheless to be *cheerfully* pessimistic.

1st Battalion
1st January, 1918

So the 1st of January, 1918, dawned with no outward or visible sign of any change. The 1st King's, with Lieut.-Colonel D. M. Murray-Lyon in command, were in billets in Hermies, in the Mœuvres sector, in reserve. The first day of the month and (of course) of the year contains mention of the award of the Military Medal to fifteen N.C.O.s and men.[1]

The following night the battalion moved up into close support, relieving the 13th Essex, but it was only until the evening of the 3rd when, having been relieved, the King's marched back to "A" Camp, Rocquigny.

On the 5th the battalion had its Christmas dinner: a long time to wait,

[1] 34453 Sergeant H. W. Herry, 47193 Corporal A. Allum, 9614 Sergeant E. Jones, 49597 Private A. Walker, 11679 Sergeant T. Croft, 25168 Private T. Dickson, 6531 Corporal E. Faulkner, 24061 Corporal W. Allward, 52953 Corporal H. Finney, 39240 Private T. O'Hara, 267016 Private G. Walker, 241404 Private W. F. Moss, 203745 Corporal J. Taylor, 8090 Sergeant J. Woods, 7500 Sergeant J. Pridden.

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but the festive meal lost nothing in the waiting. On the 5th another list of honours and awards was announced.[2]

Amongst other things, the New Year had begun with great aerial activity. The Boche was always over our lines trying to discover what we were doing, and we were always over his for a similar purpose: bomb dropping was, therefore, a frequent and mutual operation. Early on the 8th a number of hostile machines flew over Rocquigny Camp and bombed the billets and horse lines. One man was killed and thirty-nine wounded, while eight horses also were killed and twenty-three wounded. As a result of this visitation the battalion set to work to build up walls of earth round the huts. On the 24th the King's men were moved by light railway to Metz where, having taken over the billets left by the Royal Marines of the 63rd Division, they began the digging of trenches. It was almost a relief to get back again into the front line, where life was comparatively quiet, and on the 28th the battalion took over the La Vacquerie left sector from the Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry.

Machine-gun fire was troublesome in this sector, being responsible for the death of one man and the wounding of two on the 29th, and the wounding of six men on the 30th. The next night the Middlesex took over the line, the King's moving back to Havrincourt Wood in divisional reserve. The relief is quaintly referred to as "a quiet walk out."

The Battalion Diary for February and for the first two weeks of March contains little of outstanding interest and yet, reading between the lines, it is possible to see how gradually things were "warming up"; an increase in the volume of the enemy's artillery fire, gas shelling and aerial activity. The gas shelling was intense towards the latter end of that period, and the records mention "hundreds of gas shells" fired into the support trenches, causing on one occasion over one hundred casualties.

The gas used was "mustard"—an insidious gas, the effect of which was not immediately evident; in many cases men were "gassed" while sleeping back in billets in clothes worn in the trenches. This "gassing" was general all up and down the front of the Fifth and Third Armies, and was obviously designed to thin out our forces so that when the enemy launched his great attack he would meet (or fancied he would meet) with little resistance.

Of the expected German attack there is no mention in the Battalion Diaries, though from the amount of work on the defences, the quantity of wire put out, and the carrying up of stores and ammunition, it is clear some untoward event was expected.

Early in February, drafts of officers and men from the 1/9th King's joined the 1st Battalion. February

On the 3rd of February the Battalion Diary records the names of three

[2] D.S.O.—Lieut.-Colonel D. M. Murray-Lyon; bar to M.C.—Capt. R. Ward; M.C.—Second-Lieut. G. S. Scott, Lieut. W. Q. Taggart, Second-Lieut. J. A. Armstrong, No. 11325 Company Sergt.-Major T. Jackson; bar to D.C.M.—44828 Regimental Sergt.-Major J. McDonough, 11215 Sergeant F. Gannon, 53001 Corporal H. Baugh, 29955 Sergt. W. Fraser.

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gallant N.C.O.s (Company Sergt.-Major Howard, and Sergeants Woods and Saunders) sent home to England "war worn." They belonged to what are now known as the "Old Contemptibles," *i.e.* original members of the British Expeditionary Force which went to France in August, 1914.

Only one officer (Second-Lieut. R. Wild, on the 21st of February) is recorded as having been wounded between the 1st of February and the 20th of March.

16th March — On the 16th of March the 1st King's raided an enemy post. The raiders consisted of one officer (Second-Lieut. H. G. Thorne) and nine other ranks, but only a German cap was found in the post; our trench-mortar bombardment had been too severe for the Boche, and he had temporarily retired from it.

On the night of the 20th the battalion was at Rocquigny.

4th Battalion 1st January, 1918 — The 4th King's (98th Brigade, 33rd Division) began the New Year in billets in Poperinghe, though supplying working parties for the Corps Line; on the 5th the battalion moved to St. Jean Camp by 'bus. The 19th found the King's men in the support line Hambourg-Passchendaele, Second-Lieut. S. Birkumshaw and two other ranks being wounded during the relief. A two-days' tour in the front line followed, the conditions being so awful that only short tours were permitted. On the 23rd the battalion moved back to St. Lawrence Camp, Brandhoek. The next day Major S. E. Norris arrived and took over command of the battalion. The 4th King's had another two-days' tour (from the 27th to the 29th of January) in the front line, during which Second-Lieut. R. M. Lunt was wounded, and then moved by stages back to Boisdinghem. In the latter place training was carried out until the 22nd of February, when the battalion left for Brandhoek and St. Jean Camp, and on the 25th took over support trenches in the Passchendaele sector.

March — In the Ypres Salient also the enemy, during the early days of March, shelled the line heavily with gas shells and the King's men, during a tour in the forward trenches from the 6th to the 9th, had nearly twenty casualties. Next followed a period of five days in St. Jean Camp, then another tour in the front line, but "all quiet" describes conditions in the forward areas.

On the 21st the Boche raided (or rather tried to raid) the battalion, but only succeeded in leaving two unwounded and two wounded prisoners behind, besides having a number of men killed. The King's sustained several casualties and "honours" were about even.

The 55th Division was out of the line, training, when 1918 dawned, and did not return to the Front line until February; there is, in consequence, little of interest in the Battalion Diaries for that period, *i.e.* so far as concerned trench warfare. This period is important, however, from another standpoint.

The heavy casualties suffered by the British Armies in France and Flanders during 1917, and the falling off in drafts from England, had forced Sir Douglas Haig to disband many battalions in order to build up the strength of certain divisions very weak in numbers; indeed, several divisions were reduced to cadre strength, and for a while completely disappeared from the roll of fighting units. In the 55th Division the changes, so far as they affected the King's Regiment,

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were as follows: the 1/8th Battalion was split up between the 1/5th, 1/6th and 1/7th King's of the 165th Brigade, while a nucleus party was sent to the 171st Brigade, 57th Division; the 1/9th transferred a selected party of officers and men to the 172nd Brigade, 57th Division, absorbing the 2/9th Battalion, the remainder being split up into drafts for the 1st, 4th and 12th King's.

"The day of the break up," said an officer of the 1/9th Battalion, "was a very sad one indeed. To a soldier his regiment is his home and to be called upon to leave it, to sever his friendships and to lose his comrades of many a tragic day, is for him very bitter. It is not untrue to say that, as the drafts were leaving and comrades were saying good-bye, some of the soldiers who had braved nearly every conceivable terror, were almost in tears."

1/5th Battalion 1st January, 1918

"Predefin. General holiday—games, etc." Thus the diary of the 1/5th King's for the 1st of January, 1918. Until the 8th of February the Battalion was in this place, then marched to Estrèe Blanche, and on the following day to Cantraing. On the 12th the King's men moved to Hingette, where Lieut.-Colonel A. Buckley, D.S.O., assumed command of the battalion. The next day the 1/5th relieved the Manchesters in the left sub-sector of the Givenchy sector.

The line was "quiet," for the Boche was busy elsewhere, and the tour ended uneventfully on the 24th/25th February, the 1/5th moving to good billets in Beuvry. Similarly March was comparatively quiet, only the guns of both sides were very busy. On the 24th of March the 1/5th were out of the line, billeted in Gorre, "B" and "D" Companies being busily engaged in training for a raid.

16th Battalion January 1st, 1918

The 1/6th King's were at Fontaine-les-Boulands on the 1st of January, in training. Their diary at the end of the month records the arrival of officers and men from the 1/8th Battalion. The 1/6th took over the right sub-sector of the Givenchy sector on the 13th of February (on the right of the 1/5th Battalion), but they, too, record little of outstanding interest. On the 21st of March they were holding the right sub-sector of the Festubert sector, and report that the enemy bombarded their line with mustard gas for two-and-a-half hours; otherwise the day was "unusually quiet."

1/7th Battalion 1st January, 1918

The 1/7th King's, who were at Crépy when the New Year dawned, sum up the events of the first month of the year in one word: "training." They relieved the 1/6th King's in the right sub-sector, Givenchy, on the 19th of February. On the 21st of March they were in the left sub-sector of the Festubert sector.

The splitting up of the 1/9th King's and amalgamation with the 2/9th is the chief item of interest in the diary of the former battalion.

1/9th Battalion 1st January, 1918

The 1/9th were at Lisbourg on the 1st of January; on the 24th the C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel F. W. M. Drew) received a private letter from the G.O.C., 55th Division, intimating that a change was about to take place in every division in the British Army. The 1/9th were to leave the 165th Brigade and to amalgamate with the 2/9th of the 172nd Brigade, 57th Division. On the 27th definite orders were received. On the 29th the draft for the 12th King's left,

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and on the 30th drafts for the 1st and 4th Battalions left. The actual number of officers and men of the 1/9th who joined the 2/9th were eight officers and 154 other ranks; this draft proceeded from Lisbourg on the 31st of January, sped on their way by the kindly wishes of representatives from the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions and the bands of the 5th and 6th. The C.O. of the amalgamated 9th King's was Lieut.-Colonel F. W. M. Drew.

1/8th Battalion 1st January, 1918

The 1/8th King's were in billets at Dennebreucq when, on the 29th of January, they received the first intimation that they were to be amalgamated with the 2/8th Battalion of the 57th Division. On the 30th drafts left for the 1/5th, 1/6th and 1/7th Battalions, and on the 31st twelve officers and 200 men left by 'bus to join the 2/8th (Liverpool Irish) of the 57th Division, then at Waterland Camp, near Pont Nieppe.

1/10th Battalion 1st January, 1918

In the 1/10th Battalion there was "no change." The 1st of January found the Liverpool Scottish billeted in Beaumetz-lez-Aire, engaged in training. They did not go into the line until the 25th of February, when they relieved the 1/7th King's, north of the La Bassée Canal (Givenchy).

The diary of the 1/10th records much activity by the enemy's artillery, otherwise his infantry seemed to be very quiet. Patrol work was vigorous, and on one or two occasions prisoners were captured. From the latter, information was obtained that the enemy intended an attack on that front and in consequence there was a good deal of "wind up" among the higher command. But the Boche was only playing a little game of bluff, for no attack materialised, though battalions were always "standing to." One officer (Second-Lieut. C. McCallum) was wounded early in March. On the 21st, when the enemy's great offensive was launched farther south, the 1/10th King's were out of the line billeted at Mesplaux Farm and Le Hamel.

The second-line Territorial battalions of the King's Regiment of the 57th Division were hard hit by the reorganisation early in 1918, for the 2/5th, 2/8th and 2/9th, and later the 2/10th, were absorbed by the first-line battalions.

2/5th Battalion 1st January, 1918

The 2/5th King's (Lieut.-Colonel W. Hunnybun) had moved into the front-line trenches in the Armentières sector from Waterlands Camp on the 1st of January. The tour, which was described as "extremely quiet," ended on the 7th, when the battalion marched back to the Convent in the town. With the exception of heavy shell-fire on Armentières there was "nothing doing" in the line, but a Lewis-gun team on anti-aircraft guard in the town was buried by a shell, which demolished a cellar in which the men were sheltering; all, however, were extricated without casualties. The 2/5th were at Menegate Camp on the 31st, when orders were received from Brigade Headquarters to the effect that the battalion would be amalgamated with the 2/6th, 2/7th, 10th and 12th Battalions of the King's Regiment. The change was to take place on the 1st of February. The Battalion Diary of the 2/5th ends, however, on the 31st of January, and there are no records after that date.

The reorganisation scheme did not affect the 2/6th or 2/7th King's, who remained with the 171st Brigade (57th Division) until the end of the War.

The 2/6th, when 1918 dawned, moved into the Houplines sector, which

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the battalion had occupied in August, 1917. The diary states that the line taken over was in a deplorable condition. "The system of holding the front line by a series of defended localities, which had already tended to reduce the remainder of the line to a state of intense disrepair, has been allowed to go still further." An uncomfortable position which foreshadowed much hard work, especially as the ground was frostbound. Fortunately the enemy showed no activity whatsoever, the diary recording that "the silence seemed very strange after the battalion's previous experience of this sector." Nothing happened of importance. Another tour, which began on the 21st of January, was spent amidst mud and water, for the records state that: "All the posts are in standing water, both front line and support." Casualties during the month amounted to six other ranks killed and Second-Lieut. J. E. Brighouse and ten other ranks wounded. 2/6th Battalion 1st January, 1918

On the 1st of February the Battalion Diary records the arrival of seven officers and 170 other ranks from the 2/5th Battalion. By the 11th there was a marked improvement in the condition of the line; the floods had subsided materially, though the communication and fire trenches forward of the subsidiary line were still under water. Offensive operations were practically impossible, though preparations for raids were made, the enemy's line being patrolled as often as possible.

The first three weeks of March were spent out of the line in training, but on the 21st the 2/6th began to move further south to a new sector, arriving at Sailly, where they billeted in brigade reserve.

The 2/7th King's on the 1st of January moved into the subsidiary line of the Houplines sector. The tour was uneventful, indeed, like the 2/6th Battalion, the 2/7th report little of interest excepting the extraordinary quietude of the line compared with the noisy period the battalion went through in the late summer of 1917. On the 21st, Second-Lieut. J. C. P. Crosby was mortally wounded on working party and died on the 22nd. 2/7th Battalion 1st January, 1918

On the 1st of February, a draft of twelve officers and 270 other ranks from the 2/5th King's joined the 2/7th Battalion. On the 2nd, No Man's Land in the neighbourhood of Centaur Trench (part of the German line) was reconnoitred by a patrol from "A" Company. A raid had been planned, and the raiding party was then under training.

The raid took place at 8.30 p.m. on the 6th of February, and was a complete success. Centaur Trench (Houplines sector) was first bombarded by the artillery, then raided by four parties from "A" Company, who took ten prisoners. The report states: "Each party carried on exactly as rehearsed beforehand and according to timetable. There was no hitch at any time, which brought out the value of the previous training, the good patrolling, and the determination of every man to do the job set him." The battalion had fourteen casualties, all wounded. Congratulations to the 2/7th King's were sent by the Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders. On relief the King's men moved later to Le Sart for training purposes. The battalion at the end of February was very strong, numbering fifty officers and 1,053 other ranks. On the 1st 6th February

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of March the 2/7th moved to St. Hilaire Cottes for a further period of training, but on the 10th the battalion left by motor lorry hurriedly for Robermetz, under orders at two hours' notice, to support the Portuguese in the Laventie sector. But they were not called upon, and on the 21st they proceeded to Sailly with other units of the brigade.

2/8th Battalion January 1918

The 2/8th (Liverpool Irish) Battalion served only two tours in the line, *i.e.* from 7th–13th January and 24th–28th January, before they were amalgamated with the 1/8th on the 31st. Lieut.-Colonel E. C. Heath assumed command of the 8th King's (as the new amalgamated battalion was called), which had a strength of fifty-two officers and 927 other ranks.

On the 2nd of February the battalion went into the L'Epinette sector, the tour being very quiet. The next tour in the Houplines sector was also without incident. By the 21st of March the Liverpool Irish had moved further south to a new sector, and were in Nouveau Monde in divisional reserve.

2/9th Battalion 1st January, 1918

The 2/9th were on the Canal Bank, Boesinghe, on the 1st of January, one company being in the line attached to the 2/4th South Lancs. On the 2nd the battalion moved to Dykes Camp where they were joined, on the 3rd, by the company referred to, after a six days' tour in the line. The next day the 2/9th moved by train to Bailleul, thence by road to Waterlands Camp, near Erquinghem. Alternate tours in the L'Epinette sector and in Armentières followed, but little occurred of outstanding importance. On the 29th a patrol, under Second-Lieut. L. H. Cockram, captured a prisoner.

The 2/9th do not mention the amalgamation of their battalion with the 1/9th, for the diary of the former ends with January, 1918, when they ceased to exist as a separate unit. There is, therefore, no account among the records of the 2/9th of a raid which the battalion made in the L'Epinette sector at 8.30 p.m. on the 1st of February. The O.C. Raid was Capt. H. H. Wilkinson and the three raiding parties (each of a platoon) were under the command of Lieuts. C. G. R. Hill, A. Roe and H. M. Hallett. The raid was successful, six prisoners being secured. The diary of the 1/9th records the arrival of the draft from the 2/9th Battalion at Waterlands Camp on the 3rd, where they joined the 1/9th, and the following days were spent in reorganising.

The new battalion was known as the 9th King's and the diary stated that: "All ranks appear to be settling down to the new conditions and working together amicably. Members of the old 1/9th, apparently very keen to imbue their new comrades with the traditions of the old battalion, and to keep alive its fighting spirit and qualities."

9th Battalion 9th February

On the 9th, the 9th King's relieved the 2/10th in the Armentières sector, no incident of importance taking place. The diary of the 24th of February contains an entry to the effect that the four officers of the 2/9th, and ten other ranks of that battalion who had formed part of the raiding party on the 1st of February, had been awarded the Military Cross and the Military Medal respectively.

1st March

The 1st of March found the 9th King's in hutments at Le Sart, where training was begun, but on the 9th a sudden move to Estaires took place, as an

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attack on the Portuguese Division in the Laventie sector was anticipated. But no call was made on the King's men, and they continued training until the 21st, when they moved into the front-line trenches.

2/10th Battalion 1st January, 1918

The 2/10th King's, on New Year's Day, were in the Houthulst Forest left sub-sector—as dreary a part of the front line as could be found in the whole of France and Flanders. The ground was frozen hard and covered with a coat of snow, which made patrolling very difficult. The battalion was relieved on the 2nd and entrained at Boesinghe, having lost during the tour three other ranks killed and eleven wounded, and reached "H" Camp. On the 4th the battalion again entrained for Bailleul and marched thence to Hollebecque Camp for several days training. The 13th saw the King's men on the move to the subsidiary line in front of Erquinghem, on the 18th to the front line of the Houplines sector, where they found conditions very bad. No gum boots and two feet six inches of water in many trenches. A post held by "B" Company was "minnied" during the afternoon of the 19th, and two other ranks were killed and Second-Lieut. Spence and three other ranks were wounded.

The 2/10th co-operated with Lewis-gun and rifle fire in the raid made by the 2/9th Battalion on the 1st/2nd of February. On the night of the 2nd the 2/10th moved back to Hollebecque Camp. They next went into the L'Epinette sub-sector, but the tour was uneventful. Indeed there is very little to report for the remainder of February and the first three weeks of March. On the 21st of the latter month the Liverpool Scottish were in Brigade Reserve in the Fleurbaix sector.

11th Battalion 1st January, 1918

The 11th King's (Pioneers) of the 14th Division left Vlamertinghe by train on the 1st of January, and journeyed to St. Martin-au-Laert, where billets were occupied until the 4th. Their division had been ordered to move down to the Somme area, and on the latter date the Pioneers entrained at St. Omer and arrived at Edgehill, whence they marched to Marley Camp, Bray. On the 22nd they left to move up to the front line, the 14th Division having relieved French troops south of St. Quentin. The march forward was carried out in four days *via* Hangest-en-Santerne, La Rossière, Dives, Guiscard where, on the 26th, they rested all day. The following day "A" Company moved to dug-outs at Caponne Farm, "B" and "C" Companies to dug-outs at Les Saules and thirty men of "D" Company to Montescourt Dump, while the remainder with Battalion Headquarters stayed at Guiscard.

All sorts of jobs now fell to the Pioneers and, as usual, work was of a strenuous nature. Their Diary on the 6th of February mentions the arrival of four officers and 135 other ranks from the 2/5th Battalion. Work on the communication trenches, dug-outs, and shelters in the battle zone kept the battalion busy and, although in the early days of March there is no mention in the records of the impending German attack, the nature of the work on which the Pioneers were employed shows well the preparations made to meet the enemy's offensive.

On the 19th, however, the Battalion Diary contains the following entry: "About 11 p.m. a wire was received that two deserters reported that the enemy offensive was to commence on the night of 20th/21st." Orders came later that

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working parties were to cease and all troops to be rested on the 20th. This was done.

12th Battalion 5th January

From Sercus (where they were in training on the 1st of January) the 12th King's of the 20th Division marched to Ebblinghem, and entrained for Dickebusch on the 5th. The next day they moved up to Hedge Street Tunnels in support, and into the front line on the 8th. Two days in the front line was the rule at this period, for conditions were extremely trying. On the 10th the battalion simulated raids on Berry Cotts and Lewis House to cover genuine raids on their right. From the 15th to the 21st the battalion was at Reninghelst but returned to the front line on the 22nd. Generally, the situation is described as "normal," occasional heavy shell-fire causing some casualties. At the end of the month the battalion was back in Scottish Wood Camp (Dickebusch).[1] From the 1st to the 20th of February the 12th King's were successively at Scottish Wood Camp, Hedge Street Tunnels,[2] Alberta Camp, Dickebusch and Wardrecques.

On the 21st the battalion entrained at Steenbecque for the Somme and reached Nesle on the 22nd. At 9.30 p.m. the King's men marched off for the billeting area, Berlancourt, "B" Company taking over billets at Collezy.

From the 1st to the 19th of March training was carried out. On the afternoon of the 20th the battalion was ordered to "stand to," but the order was cancelled later. A concert was held that night, then at midnight companies concentrated at Berlancourt, practising a move "in case of emergency." The final entry in the Battalion Diary on the 20th of March is the statement that "Enemy prisoner gave information that Hun offensive started at midnight."

13th Battalion

In Mercatel the 13th King's (3rd Division) remained until the 30th of January, and then relieved the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers in the front line south-east of Heninel, but the tour was without incident. Indeed, as on other parts of the Western Front during the weeks preceding the German offensive, little happened of importance. Only one affair—a raid by the enemy on the

16th February

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The raid was made from north-west of Fontaine-lez-Croisilles after a heavy barrage of trench-mortar bombs, 5.9 in. and 4.2 in. shells (including gas shells) on the front and support lines held by the 13th King's. At about 5.50 a.m. the enemy (about one hundred strong) attacked the posts and front line, which he succeeded in entering. He was, however, eventually driven out, leaving identifications behind him. Casualties were inflicted and suffered, among the latter being Second-Lieut. J. G. Harris, who was wounded.

In the narrative of the raid the raiders are described as being "all tall, big men."

[1] The Battalion Diary for January, 1918, records the following awards: D.S.O.—Major L. P. Storr; Military Cross—Capt. H. S. Cooke, Lieut. H. J. Thomas, Second-Lieut. J. Bell, Regimental Sergt.-Major W. G. Smith; D.C.M.—Sergeant J. Brown, and seven Military Medals.

[2] In the front line from 9th to 13th of February; Second-Lieut. E. R. Grove was killed by a sniper during this tour.

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On the 20th of March, when the great offensive began, the 13th King's were in brigade reserve in Shaft Trench.

In the dismal neighbourhood of the Polderhoek Château the King's men of the 89th Brigade (30th Division) saw the New Year dawn; the 17th King's captured two German prisoners on the 1st of January. The brigade was relieved on the 6th and moved by rail back to the Wardrecques area.

18th Battalion January

The 18th King's (21st Brigade) began the year in beating off a raid at 8.45 p.m. (on the 1st) on one of their posts, but on the 4th they, too, were relieved and moved back to Scottish Wood, and by the 7th the whole of the 21st Brigade was out of the line in the Sercus area.

Rumours had already reached the 30th Division that it was to leave the Ypres area and journey to an area south of the Somme, there to join the Fifth Army. The 21st Brigade entrained on the 10th for the new area, and the 89th Brigade the following day.

17th Battalion

19th Battalion

The 17th King's reached Fouencamps on the 12th and billeted in the village; the 19th King's were at Thézy, and the 20th Battalion at Gentelles. The 18th Battalion had already reached Moreuil on the 11th of January.[1]

From their billeting areas the units of the 30th Division moved by route march towards the southern extremity of the British line; indeed, when, at the end of January, the division relieved French troops opposite La Fère, it was on the extreme right of the Fifth Army.

Brigadier-General F. C. Stanley (commanding 89th Brigade) said of his new sub-sector: "We went into our piece of the line on the 29th of January, and the difference between that and our piece that we had just left by Ypres was simply laughable. Here there was absolutely not a shell-hole. It is true that all the villages have been destroyed, but this was done when the Boche evacuated this territory, and was brought about by mines and fires. Our front was enormous, in fact the divisional front was something between eleven and thirteen thousand yards; but we could afford to hold the line lightly when one sees that we were separated from the Boche by a 'No Man's Land' in most places taken up by a river (the Oise) and a canal (St. Quentin), and the rest of floods. In fact, except at one or two points, it was impossible for the Boche to get at us, added to which the French had put up masses and masses of wire. We had one of those places which the French call a *point de friction* in front of us, in the shape of La Fère, which was an old Vaubain fortress, but even here we were separated from him (the enemy) by the river and canal, over both of which the bridges had been destroyed. The French whom we relieved positively hated the idea of going out of the line. They had been there six months and had made themselves extremely comfortable. During the whole of this six months the French division had only had twenty-seven casualties, of which nine had been caused during a raid. No wonder that they were happy in this nice quiet spot."

The 89th Brigade front extended from Beautor (south-west of La Fère) to

[1] On the 12th Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Pinwill left the 18th King's on appointment to the staff of the 32nd Division; Major G. M. Clayton then assumed command.

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Travecy (north), the 17th King's taking over the front line, 19th Battalion, Fargnier, in support, and the 20th Battalion, Chauny.

The 21st Brigade went in on the left of the 89th Brigade, the 18th King's having one company at Fort Liez and three companies at Camp Vieville; the Battalion was in support.

The general situation is thus well expressed in the diary of the 19th King's: "This sector is the quietest sector the battalion has ever experienced whilst on service."

There is, therefore, little to record until early in February the 30th Division was relieved by the 58th London Division, the former "side-stepping" to the north.

20th Battalion 6th February

Meanwhile the reorganisation of the British Army in France and Flanders had affected the 20th King's who, on the 6th of February, were disbanded, officers and other ranks of the battalion being distributed amongst the three other battalions of the Regiment of the 89th Brigade.

The battalion received orders for disbandment on the 1st of February, and on the 5th paraded as strong as possible at 11 a.m. at Chauny. The battalion was first addressed by the C.O. (Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. H. T. Douglas[1]) whose words will be remembered by all old King's men of the battalion. Colonel Douglas spoke of the pride he had taken in the battalion and the very real grief he felt at its being disbanded. He mentioned several occasions in the history of the battalion since he had had the honour of commanding it, its conduct in the operations of the spring of 1917, the splendid way in which it had undertaken the long march from Arras to Ypres, the fact that, although bearing the brunt of the fighting on and shortly after the 31st of July, 1917, it did not ask to be relieved but announced its intention of "seeing it through," and finally, that never in its whole history in France had it allowed the enemy to penetrate into its lines.

The Divisional Commander then inspected and addressed the battalion, being followed by Brigadier-General F. C. Stanley.

On the 6th, drafts for the 17th, 18th and 19th King's paraded and marched off to join their battalions.

Thus ended the war history of another fine battalion of the Regiment.

Three days later (9th February) the 18th King's were transferred from the 21st to the 89th Brigade, and joined the latter on the 11th. All three battalions of the regiment, *i.e.* 17th, 18th and 19th of the 30th Division, now formed the 89th Brigade, for the Bedfords of the latter had been transferred to another division.

17th, 18th, and 19th Battalion

21st February

On the 21st of February the 89th Brigade took over a sector of the line south of St. Quentin, but there is little to record until the 5th of March when, at about 4.45 a.m., after an intense barrage, the right company of the 17th

[1] Lieut.-Colonel J. W. H. T. Douglas was the famous Essex cricketer; he played in no less than seventeen Test Matches against Australia. He was drowned in the Baltic on the 19th of December, 1930, owing to a collision.

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King's (the battalion then holding the right sub-sector of the St. Quentin sector) was raided by a party of 150 Germans, who entered the line but were ejected after a ten-minute scuffle.

On the night of the 20th of March the 89th Brigade was occupying "battle stations"; the 17th King's (with Brigade Headquarters) were at Beauvois, the 18th at Vaux, and the 19th at Germaine.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the King's Regiment in France and Flanders, when the winter of 1917–1918 (the last winter in the trenches) was almost ended, numbered nineteen battalions, *i.e.* after the reorganisation scheme had been carried out. But only seven of these were actually in the area of the German offensive on the Somme, when the enemy launched his great attack on the 21st of March.

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CHAPTER XXXVIII

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVES OF 1918

(i) IN PICARDY: 21ST MARCH–5TH APRIL

THERE is abundant proof that the Great German Offensive of March, 1918, was expected on the 21st of that month along the fronts of the Fifth and Third British Armies. Air reconnaissance, and information gathered from other sources by Sir Douglas Haig's Intelligence Department, accurately located the area of the coming attack, and two days before the offensive was opened German deserters gave valuable evidence of the time and date, stating also that the attack would be prefaced by a bombardment of extraordinary violence.

"We all knew perfectly well that the Boche was going to attack on our front," said Brigadier-General the Hon. F. C. Stanley, commanding 89th Brigade. "We were under no false illusions on that point. It was even known that it would probably be early in the morning of the 21st, and that the attack would be preceded by a ten hours' bombardment, of which the period from the sixth to the eighth hour would be gas shells. All our arrangements were made and all that could be done had been done, and everyone had been warned."

For weeks all troops who could be spared, and even those in the front line when things were quiet, had been hard at work on the defences.

"The general principles of our defensive arrangements on the fronts of these Armies (Fifth and Third) were the distribution of our troops in depth. With this object three defensive belts, sited at considerable distances from each other, had been constructed or were approaching completion in the forward area, the most advanced of which was in the nature of a lightly-held outpost screen covering our main positions."[1]

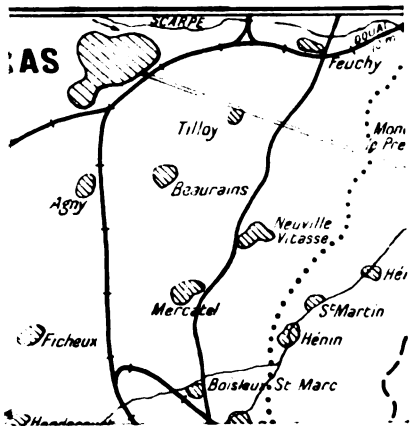
The Fifth Army front extended from opposite La Fère to the southern point of the Flesquières Salient, *i.e.* south of Gonnelieu; the Third Army front from the latter point to just south of Gavrelle.

The Fifth Army disposed in the front line on the 21st of March eleven divisions, and three infantry and three cavalry divisions in reserve; the Third Army had ten divisions in the front line (though only eight were attacked on the morning of the 21st) and seven divisions in reserve.

Against this force the enemy disposed a stupendous array of no less than seventy-six divisions, three armies (from *our* right to left), *i.e.* Eighteenth, consisting of twenty-six divisions, Second of twenty-two divisions, and Seventeenth of twenty-eight divisions.

[1] Sir Douglas Haig's despatches.

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The objective of the Seventeenth German Army (the right of the enemy attack) was the British positions opposite the line Croisilles–Mœuvres, that of the Second and Eighteenth German Armies the line from and between Villers Gusilain and La Fère. The Flesquières Salient was not to be attacked directly, but "pinched off," *i.e.* "the Seventeenth and Second were to take the weight off each other in turn and with their inner wings cut off the enemy holding the Cambrai re-entrant."[1]

Of the British divisions holding the front line, or in reserve, only the 14th, 30th, 20th, 2nd and 3rd concern this story, for they alone contained battalions of the King's Regiment.

THE BATTLE OF ST. QUENTIN, 21ST–23RD MARCH

The night of the 20th/21st of March passed slowly, and those who could do so slept soundly. Since February, when the enemy's offensive was first mooted, and then early in March when, on more than one occasion, the troops had "stood to," expecting the attack, everyone's nerves were on edge. But now it was certain that the assault was to come on the morrow, though the exact hour was unknown.

In the front line all was ready; ammunition had been replenished, trench mortars had plenty of bombs, and the machine gunners had their guns trained on the enemy's trenches. In the outpost line the sentries were more watchful than ever, though towards dawn they saw with anxiety that a thick mist was rising from the ground, blotting out everything for all but a few feet from their posts. As dawn began to break, the fog was so thick that it was impossible to see more than twenty yards.

It was just as this unpleasant state of things was being discovered that the air was suddenly rent by a terrific crash; the time was shortly before 5 a.m. In a moment the air was filled with the shrieking and howling of shells—gas and high-explosive fell like rain upon the whole of the Fifth and Third Armies from the Oise to the Scarpe Rivers. Trench mortars added their fire to the terrific holocaust of shell now falling upon the British positions like a steel deluge; the roar was terrible and the destruction enormous as that savage hail swept our lines.

From the outpost line and the front line S.O.S. signals soared up into the murky sky—they were useless, the fog blotted them out and blinded the gunners who, seeing nothing, could only fire on targets already registered; telephone wires had "gone"—blown to atoms, visual signalling and lamp signals were alike impossible. The gas shelling made the wearing of masks essential, and in the fog no runner could be expected to find his way.

For four hours pandemonium was complete; never had such a prodigious number of shells been fired by the enemy's artillery; even the road centres and railways behind the front line and as far back as St. Pol were mercilessly shelled. The whole line along the Western Front seemed ablaze.

[1] The enemy called the Flesquières Salient the "Cambrai re-entrant."

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Between 9 and 10 a.m. the German infantry in vast numbers swarmed across No Man's Land. To them the fog mattered not a bit, they were in such strength that loss of direction was impossible, for they were shoulder to shoulder. Wave after wave came on, overwhelming the outpost line ere ever the gallant fellows manning it had a chance to put up a fight or send word back to the front line that the attack had begun, and S.O.S. signals were still useless.

And so, fighting gallantly to the end, the outpost line "went down."

11th Battalion 20th March

The 11th King's (Pioneers) of the 14th Division (holding the front line between Moy and Urvillers, south of St. Quentin), having received a wire on the 20th, "Battle Zone take precautionary action," "B" and "C" Companies were placed under the orders of the 42nd Brigade, while a detachment of "A" Company, under Second-Lieut. Horricks, then in dug-outs near Essigny, came under the orders of the 41st Brigade; "A" Company and Battalion Headquarters were ordered to be in divisional reserve.

The Pioneers state that the bombardment began at 4.30 a.m. on the 21st; that at 5.30 a.m., in response to a message from Divisional Headquarters "Infantry occupy Battle Zone," the battalion "stood to" and prepared to move at short notice. The Pioneers record that all the morning the terrific bombardment continued, but no news came through until 1 p.m., when an orderly arrived with a verbal message that the enemy had broken through and was in Essigny; also, Divisional Headquarters were preparing to evacuate Clastres. Orders then arrived to move all transport back to La Neuville. Next a runner reported that "B" and "C" Companies were in action and holding strong points near Lambay Wood and Benay.

Of the fighting by these two companies during the 21st of March there is no record, but according to the casualty list at the close of the first day of the German offensive, they *must* have been engaged heavily with the enemy.

At 3 p.m. "A" Company was ordered to move forward to 41st Brigade Headquarters, at 11 p.m. the same Company was ordered by Divisional Headquarters to withdraw to Detroit Bleu. Apparently, however, "A" Company passed the night of the 21st/22nd at Jussy, Battalion Headquarters being at Detroit Bleu. "B" and "C" Companies were still under the orders of the 42nd Brigade.

During the night the III Corps (to which the 14th Division belonged) was drawn back behind the Crozat Canal.

The 11th King's reported their casualties on the 21st as Second-Lieut. J. T. Williams and eighteen other ranks killed, Capt. M. C. M. Denny and sixty-five other ranks wounded, eight other ranks wounded and missing, and seventy-eight other ranks missing.

The following extracts are taken from the diary of an N.C.O. of the 11th King's (who was with "A" Company and Battalion Headquarters) of the events of the 22nd of March: "We marched from Clastres to Petit Detroit last night. About forty of us slept in the kitchen of a cottage. Still no definite news of the Companies ("B" and "C") who were in the line, except that those who were left returned to positions behind the canal at Jussy, along with all the

22nd March

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other British troops in the sector. A party of "C" Company, which got detached from the rest of the Company, were welcomed by an officer of the R.F.A. who had only a bombardier and a gunner left in his battery. Our men, therefore, assisted to feed the guns. Four men of the battalion, who were taken prisoner and sent towards the German lines without escort, slipped back and rejoined the battalion. Kits and blankets and stores of all kinds had to be abandoned, and we lost two cookers and a water cart, which could not be drawn out owing to the rapid advance of the enemy. The divisional canteen, packed with provisions, tobacco, etc., was also abandoned, while a Church Army hut, which had only just been opened at St. Simon, was left for the enemy."

The Battalion Diary for the same date is very brief: When dawn broke on the 22nd "A" Company was at Flavy-le-Martel under 41st Brigade; "B" and "C" Companies were resting at Petit Detroit. At 6 p.m. Battalion Headquarters were ordered to move to Beaumont-en-Beine and arrived at 9 p.m. "A" Company was in action during the day along the railway between Jussy and Flauy.

"B" and "C" Companies had now joined "A," for on the 23rd the diary 23rd March
records: "'A,' 'B' and 'C' Companies in action near Flavy-le-Martel." The fight must have been severe, for casualties were Captains H. R. Bennett, A. Crundell and W. R. A. Wareing, Second-Lieut. J. J. Griffiths and five other ranks killed; Second-Lieuts. J. C. Horrocks, T. Telford, and forty-four other ranks wounded, seventeen other ranks wounded and missing, and Lieut J. E. Acheson and sixty-one other ranks missing. But of this action there are no further details. Our N.C.O. diarist was with the transport, and his pen picture of what was happening behind the front line is interesting: "Marched to Beaumont-en-Beine last night (22nd). At 2 a.m. orders received that the transport was to be ready to proceed at twenty minutes' notice. No further orders received during the night, however. Rumoured that the Germans are in Ham and have crossed the canal at Jussy and other points. Troops are continually passing through this village. American women are helping to evacuate the civilian population in motor lorries. There seems to be no doubt that the position is getting somewhat serious. Great excitement at 10.30. Headquarters Company are going into the line. The transport, with a few details, is pushing further back. We left Beaumont at 11 a.m. and camped for an hour or two on our journey to Noyon, where we arrived at 9.30. Everybody seems to be on the run. On almost every road that was visible we could see columns of transport or troops moving. Even ordnance workshops were hurriedly packing up. Some of the French peasants appeared to be taking the risk and holding on to their farms. On entering Noyon we found many of the inhabitants clearing out."

The Headquarter Company referred to above consisted of Battalion Headquarters and all available men who were moved east of Beaumont in reserve.

North of the 14th Division the 30th Division had similarly been attacked by great numbers of the enemy. At 9 a.m. on the 21st three battalions of the

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17th, 18th, and 19th Battalions 21st March

King's Regiment (17th, 18th and 19th) of the 89th Brigade were disposed as follows: 17th (with Battalion Headquarters) at Beauvois, 18th at Vaux, 19th at Germaine.

The 89th Brigade, being in Corps Reserve, was not engaged with the enemy on the 21st of March, though "standing to" all day. At 9.10 p.m. that night the brigade records that the 17th King's were placed at the disposal of the 184th Brigade (61st Division), the 18th King's came under the orders of the 90th Brigade (30th Division), and the 19th Battalion under the orders of the 21st Brigade (30th Division). The 17th Battalion then marched to Atilly, two companies taking up positions in a railway cutting north-west of the village and two in counter-attack positions at Sword Wood. The 18th King's were dug in immediately south-west of Vaux. The 19th King's moved forward from Germaine at 11.30 p.m. to the battle zone, and received orders to counter-attack and re-establish the situation in the front line about Roupy.

19th Battalion 22nd March

The counter-attack by the 19th King's was launched at about 1.15 a.m. on the 22nd. It was from all reports (though details are missing) a very gallant affair, and succeeded in the retaking of all the trenches lost in that sector excepting a short length in the front line on either side of the St. Quentin-Roupy road.

After this attack the night passed quietly on the front of the 30th Division.

Thick mist again shrouded the battlefield at dawn on the 22nd.

17th Battalion 22nd March

At 6.30 a.m. the 17th King's at Atilly sent "D" Company (Capt. E. P. Beaumont) off to the 2/5th Gloucesters in Holnon Wood to counter-attack part of the battle zone. This company drove the enemy from the trenches he had occupied, and consolidated the position. At 10.30 a.m. the battalion was ordered to move to Aviation Wood. This movement was carried out under heavy shell-fire, and it was 2.30 p.m. before the King's men reached the Wood, only to find that Headquarters 21st Brigade (to which the battalion had been temporarily attached) had gone. "B" Company and Headquarters Companies lined a sunken road east of the wood. The enemy then made a strong attack on Flesquières, and the remainder of the 17th King's deployed west of the wood. At about 6.30 p.m., all troops of the 30th Division having been ordered to withdraw to Ham, the 17th King's retired and reached the town at about 9.30 p.m. The battalion then took over part of the defence of Ham. Major Emery joined the battalion here, having previously reconnoitred the position.

18th Battalion

Meanwhile the 18th King's had seen heavy fighting. About 8 a.m. No. 1 Company (under Captain J. S. Edwards) was sent off to reinforce the 2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers holding Etreillers, and remained there, fighting with the Fusiliers, until the withdrawal from the battle zone during the afternoon. Next a call came from 90th Brigade Headquarters for a carrying party to take S.A.A. and grenades to the Bedfords, in the "D" north sector of the battle zone. This party, consisting of one officer (Second-Lieut. J. A. Fisher) and fifty men of No. 4 Company, left at about 9 a.m. for Stevens Redoubt and, having delivered the ammunition, were retained to assist in the defence of the redoubt. A second carrying party of fifty men from No. 4 Company, under Second-Lieut. H.

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Derbyshire, was sent off to the redoubt with S.A.A. and grenades at 10 a.m., but returned to Battalion Headquarters at about 2 p.m. At 10.30 a.m., as the enemy was reported to have broken into the left of "D" north sector, two companies of the 17th King's were ordered to counter-attack, and Nos. 2 and 3 Companies (under Captains J. Lawson and F. M. Sheard respectively) were moved up to Stevens Redoubt. But the position in the forward system was so serious that the counter-attack was abandoned, and these two companies also were retained for the defence of the redoubt. They remained there fighting with the Bedfords until the garrison withdrew in the afternoon.

Soon after midday orders had been issued to brigades that, if they were compelled to withdraw from the battle zone, they would fall back direct to Ham and occupy defences there, *i.e.* 21st Brigade east, 90th Brigade west, and 89th Brigade centre of the town.

At 4 p.m. Battalion Headquarters having smashed telephone instruments and destroyed all documents and maps, the 18th King's withdrew to Ham, but the Battalion Diary reports that only about a dozen men of No. 3 Company succeeded in getting away from Stevens Redoubt, and these were attached to No. 1 Company.

The 18th King's arrived at Ham at about 7.30 p.m., and took up positions south of the town and on the right of the line; the 17th were the next to arrive (at about 9.30 p.m.) and took up a position in the centre of the line (east of the town); but it was 2 a.m. before the 19th King's, very weak in numbers, fell back through troops of the 20th Division and formed up north of the town, *i.e.* on the left.

The three battalions of King's men were now superimposed on the mixed force of entrenching battalions, Special R.E., Corps Reinforcement Details, Corps Cyclists, Brigade School and personnel of Brigade Headquarters, all having been detailed for the defence of Ham.

17th, 18th, and 19th Battalions 23rd March

At 12.45 a.m. (23rd), however, the 20th Division had reported to the 30th Division that the enemy had broken through at Aubigny, and was even then marching on Ham along the main road.

At about 1 a.m. the 18th King's received orders to evacuate their position and move to a line immediately north-east of Ham, between the Canal and the Ham–Roupy road; by 2 a.m. this had been done.

The 17th Battalion records that between midnight and 3 a.m. troops of the 20th Division passed through Ham.

With dawn the pressure on Ham increased and the town could not be held, for the flank had apparently again been driven in. The 17th King's state that at 6.30 a.m. they began to withdraw through Ham and at 7 a.m., the bridge north of the town was blown up. The enemy had apparently entered Ham from the south-east, and before the 17th Battalion got away they were heavily engaged. At 7.30 a.m. the bridge south of the town "went up."

Meanwhile the 18th King's had received a message from the O.C., 17th Battalion, that he was withdrawing, and the former therefore withdrew through Ham in the direction of Esmery-Hallon. One party of the 18th (under Capt.

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J. S. Edwards) withdrew along the Ham–Hesle road and, being reinforced by men of other units, engaged the enemy throughout the morning. Later this party joined up with the 17th Battalion and fought under the command of the O.C. that battalion. Another party of about forty men of the 18th King's (under Capt. F. Lawless, who now commanded the battalion) withdrew in the direction of Verlaines and took up a position on the right of the Ham–Esmery–Hallon road, in touch with the 17th Battalion. This party was then placed under the command of Captain C. D. Redhead, and was also engaged in operations under the direction of the O.C., 17th King's.

The remnants of the 19th Battalion, when the defences of Ham fell, retired to a position near Eppeville on the southern bank of the Canal.

The 17th Battalion, in falling back from Ham, took up a position with the 18th Battalion north-east of Verlaines and, during the morning, advanced and established a line on the crest of a hill south-west of the former, though in doing so they came under very heavy machine-gun fire; two German machine-guns were captured here and a hostile aeroplane was brought down by rifle-fire.

Some idea of the extraordinary position may be gathered from the fact that, whereas the 17th and 18th King's were north-east of Verlaines, that village was in the hands of the enemy, and it was not until later that he was counter-attacked and driven out by troops of the 61st Division.

The situation for the remainder of the day was quiet, and although machine-gun fire molested the troops, the latter were not attacked again during the 23rd.

When darkness fell on that date on the right of the 30th Division from the Ham–Golancourt road to Sommette Eaucourt the troops were much mixed, *i.e.* elements of the 61st Division, entrenching battalion and corps reinforcements, with some from the 21st Brigade. But from the same road to Canizy the position was less involved: the 89th and 90th Brigades, with one pioneer battalion and a brigade of the 20th Division, were all in formed bodies holding positions in depth. Along the line of the Canal du Nord from Libermont to Buverchy Crossings, both inclusive, Lieut.-Colonel Rollo, 19th King's, who had just returned from leave in England, had collected such men as he could find, and had prepared a defensive line.

12th Battalion

It is time now to turn to the operations of the 12th King's of the 61st Brigade, 20th Division, though that battalion records only movements.

20th March

We left the 12th Battalion on the night of the 20th of March concentrated at Berlancourt, some fifteen miles south-west of the front line, for the 20th Division was in reserve.

Throughout the night of the 20th/21st their diary reports that there was heavy gun-fire and, at 4 a.m., considerable bombing by hostile aircraft. At 4.25 a.m. the battalion "stood to arms" and, on and off throughout the day, alternate orders to "stand to" and "stand down" were received. At 3.15 p.m. the battalion, less details, marched *via* Villeselve, Cugny and Annois to St. Simon, which lay immediately east of the junction of the St. Quentin and Somme Canals. Positions were taken up at dusk by the 61st Brigade, the 7th D.C.L.I. on the right guarding St. Simon and the 12th King's on the left protecting the

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Tugny bridgeheads; the Cornwalls were facing east and north-east, and the King's men north-east and north, with their left resting on the St. Quentin Canal. The details were marched to Douilly and there joined the Divisional Detail Battalion, under the command of Major L. P. Storr, 18th King's Regiment.

The 20th Division was not seriously engaged with the enemy on the 21st of March.

21st March

At 11.30 p.m. orders were received to withdraw the 61st Brigade to the south and west banks of the St. Quentin Canal, the 7th Somerset holding the Canal to the canal junction west of St. Simon, and the 12th King's thence along the western banks of the Canal to about one-and-a-half miles north of the junction.[1]

The King's men marched at 12.30 a.m. (22nd March) and by dawn had completed the move, having on their left the 60th Brigade. At dawn the bridges over the canal were blown up.

22nd March

On the 22nd the 61st Brigade was temporarily placed under the orders of the 36th Division for the purpose of covering the withdrawal of the latter to the southern bank of the Somme Canal. No move was made by the 12th King's on the 22nd, and the only items they record in the diary are that, at 3.30 p.m., they sent out a patrol to examine the bridges, all of which were found destroyed, and that at 5 p.m. orders were received (in the event of a retirement being necessary) to fall back and take up a position from the canal junction to a bridge about a mile further westwards. Touch was still maintained with the 7th Somerset on the right.

23rd March

Orders to move came to hand at 8.45 a.m. on the 23rd. The battalion was to move at once, one company to garrison a keep just south-west of Annois, a second company to another keep west of the first one, and the remainder of the battalion to just north of Cugny. When these moves had been completed touch was obtained with the Somerset on the left, a short distance north of the keep first mentioned.

Throughout these three days—21st, 22nd and 23rd—the Battalion Diary makes no mention of any fighting, but on the 22nd, at 9.20 p.m., the battalion reported that the company at Tugny had been driven back and out of the village, the enemy using *flammenwerfer*. On the 23rd, at 4.30 p.m., Annois was reported in the hands of the enemy, and the situation was such that the Cornwalls and Somerset were withdrawn to the line of the Annois–Eppeville railway, north of the position held by the King's men, the Brigade Diary stating that "The withdrawal was accompanied by particularly heavy pressure from the Germans on the flanks, by machine-gun fire and considerable shelling." The Brigade Diary also states that, at 4 p.m., the Brigade Major reconnoitred the defences of Cugny, "which were found to be strongly held on the eastern outskirts of the village by the 12th King's" and other units. Flavy-le-Martel, at that time, was in the hands of the enemy, and British troops in twos and threes were seen retiring on Cugny.

[1] The position is given in co-ordinates as "L.15.d."

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1st Battalion

21st March

22nd March

North of the Somme the 1st King's of the 6th Brigade (2nd Division) "stood to" all day on the 21st, in billets at Rocquigny. There was a certain amount of shell-fire, otherwise the day passed without incident. At 4.20 a.m., however, on the 22nd, the battalion, on receipt of sudden orders, moved to a position about one thousand yards north of Villers-au-Flos. During the forenoon the C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel D. Murray-Lyon) reconnoitred the Green Line between the Haplincourt–Bertincourt road and Delsaux Farm, and at about 5.20 p.m. the battalion moved off to occupy not that portion reconnoitred, but one from the Bapaume–Cambrai road southward for about eight hundred yards. On reaching the position it was found in possession of troops of the 56th Brigade, and the King's men, in artillery formation, moved to about half-a-mile south-east of Frémicourt. At 7.50 p.m., on receipt of verbal orders from the Brigadier that the 6th Brigade was to hold the Green Line from the north-west corner of Bertincourt to Delsaux Farm as an outpost line, the King's men moved thither, "C" Company going into the line and the three remaining companies into Saunders Camp, east of Haplincourt. The 17th Royal Fusiliers were on the right and the 2nd South Staffords on the left; the night passed quietly.

About midnight 22nd/23rd, owing to reports of the enemy having broken through on both sides of Morchies, patrols were sent forward and succeeded in gaining touch with the 19th and 51st Divisions on the high ground east of Lebucquière. At about 3.30 a.m. one Company ("A") of the King's was sent up to the high ground to cover the retirement of the 5th Seaforths (51st Division) and remained in position there until dawn, when the brigade ordered the Company back to Saunders Camp.

Meanwhile, just before dawn, "B" and "D" Companies occupied the Green Line, "C" Company closing in to the left; at 7 a.m. "A" Company moved up in close support immediately behind the Green Line. "D" Company was now on the right, "B" in the centre and "C" on the left.

23rd March

The records for the 23rd of March describe the fact that the King's men were never nearer the enemy than in distant contact; the battalion snipers and the Lewis gunners were active, but the companies holding the Green Line did not open rifle-fire on the Germans. In the distance the latter's scouts could be seen working forward, and large bodies were located in the neighbourhood of Lebucquiere and Velu Wood. Hostile shell-fire was heavy, but no infantry attack developed on the King's men, who spent a comparatively quiet night.

Much farther north the 13th King's of the 9th Brigade (3rd Division) were more heavily involved. Their division held a line running from about eight thousand yards north of Croisilles to the Arras–Cambrai road. All three brigades were in the front line, *i.e.* 9th on the right, 8th in the centre, 76th on the left. Of the 9th Brigade, the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers held the front line, the 4th Royal Fusiliers were in support, the 13th King's in reserve, two companies in the reserve second-line system (one south-west and one north-east of Shaft Trench), and two in reserve in the tunnel in Shaft Trench.

At 5 a.m. all ranks were "standing to," having received warning of the expected attack. At 5.5. a.m. the enemy put down an intense artillery and

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trench-mortar barrage on the whole divisional front; large quantities of gas shells were used and box respirators had to be worn for several hours. This bombardment continued until about 7.15 a.m., when the German infantry attacked and broke into the line held by the Northumberland Fusiliers, but was ejected. Later, however, other attacks developed, and the front line of the brigade was lost, though the enemy was held.

13th Battalion 21st/22nd March

The 13th King's made no change in their dispositions, though during the night of the 21st/22nd they supplied carrying parties to take rations and water up to the Northumberland Fusiliers.

At dawn on the 22nd the enemy again put down a heavy barrage, but gas shells were not used in large quantities.

The situation on the 3rd Division front was that the front-line trench of the 9th Brigade had been lost and the line bent back in a south-westerly direction; the 8th and 76th Brigades held their original lines. On the right of the 2nd Division the 34th had been very heavily attacked and driven out of its positions, and during the day the King's could see the enemy massing troops north of Croisilles.

Through the southern boundary of the 3rd Division ran a sector of the old Hindenburg Line facing south, and this was strongly garrisoned in order to meet possible heavy attacks from that direction. The front trench was Hind Avenue, with some communication trenches to the rear trench, *i.e.* Shaft Avenue. "C" Company, of the 13th King's, was ordered to occupy Hind Avenue from Fuldner Lane to Fooley Lane; "D" Company was moved from Shaft Trench to Hind Avenue (on the right of "C") to the Reserve Line. These two companies now formed a defensive flank facing south and protecting the right flank of the brigade.

During the afternoon the enemy began to advance north of Croisilles, at the same time attacking the 9th Brigade front from the direction of Fontaine. In the latter area the struggle was of a ding-dong nature—portions of trenches lost and recaptured frequently. In the end, however, the enemy had little to show for his huge losses in men.

On the southern (or right flank) of the division the enemy advanced in large numbers north, and later in the afternoon reached the wide belts of wire (fortunately still in fairly good condition) which had been erected to protect the old Hindenburg Line, and on which he was now making a frontal attack.

As soon as the enemy came within range, heavy Lewis-gun and rifle-fire was opened on him, and his first attempt was a failure. Again and again, however, he persisted in his endeavours to get through the wire, but was held up at all points and when night came was still on the far side.

At about 10 p.m. a heavy bombing attack developed against the junction of Hind Avenue and Fuldner Lane, and gained a footing, but was driven out immediately by "C" Company.

A heavy frontal attack had also been delivered by the enemy during the evening, with negligible results.

Shortly before midnight orders were received that the 9th Brigade was to

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withdraw in order to conform to the general line, the 13th King's covering the withdrawal and to form the right flank guard of the division. The withdrawal began at midnight, the Northumberland and Royal Fusiliers passing through the lines of the King's men. The latter, in turn, then withdrew, covered by bombing blocks established in the trenches.

23rd March — By 4.15 a.m. on the 23rd of March the withdrawal from the Trench System was complete, and the electric light plant in Shaft Tunnel was blown up.

Before dawn the whole of the 9th Brigade had passed through the Guards Division, which occupied a position near Henin, the King's men reaching camp in the Boisleux St. Marc area.

THE SOMME CROSSINGS, 24TH–25TH MARCH

On the night of the 23rd/24th our line south of Peronne (that place being in the hands of the enemy) followed closely the western bank of the Somme River and Canal to Eppeville, south-west of Ham, thence our line dropped south-west of the Guiscard road, but turned east again to Golancourt, thence to Eaucourt, west of Cugny, to the Oise and St. Quentin Canals just east of Viry-Noureuil.

Thick fog again enveloped the battlefield at dawn on the 24th, and as soon as it was light enough the enemy attacked the Somme Crossings. But first of all

11th Battalion — it is necessary to follow the doings of the 11th King's (Pioneers, 14th Division) during the two days they were south of the Somme Canal.

Just where the Pioneers spent the night of the 23rd/24th east of Beaumont it is impossible to say, and the next entry in the diary is timed and dated 11.30

24th March — a.m., 24th March. At that hour they received a message that the C.O., Adjutant and the Regimental Sergt.-Major were to proceed to Guiscard immediately, there to take command of all details of the 42nd Brigade. At Noyon, where the transport had halted for the night, Second-Lieut. Garnham, with twenty men of "A" Company, rejoined; eighteen men of "C" Company, under Captain G. J. Harris, rejoined at Guiscard with details of the 42nd Brigade.

From subsequent entries in the records it is probable that the remnants of the 11th King's all joined this composite battalion, which had a strength of about five hundred.

At 6.30 p.m. the Composite Battalion, with 42nd Brigade Headquarters, moved to Croisilles, and at 10 p.m. that night to Sermaize. East of the latter village there was a dried up canal and on the north-eastern side three patrols were posted, with fifty men in support on the southern side; the remainder of the battalion was in reserve in Sermaize.

25th March — At 8 a.m. on the 25th, the enemy was reported to be approaching the Canal, and a fire trench was dug on the south-western side. The battalion then manned the trench. But all day long no enemy was seen, and it was not until the evening that contact with the enemy was obtained. At 5 p.m. parties of French troops, on either side of the battalion, were seen retiring in good order. Fifteen minutes later Germans were seen coming over the crest of the ridge on the northern side of the Canal. Fire was at once opened on the enemy and his advance, for the

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time being, was checked. At 6.50 p.m., however, the order to withdraw was given, the area being taken over by the French. The Composite Battalion then marched to Thiescourt and billeted. No casualties were incurred by the Pioneers on the 25th of March.

In the meantime the 61st Brigade (20th Division), whose front line appears to have extended from Cugny in a north-westerly direction to Eaucourt, had been engaged in desperate fighting.

12th Battalion 24th March

It will be remembered that the 12th King's on the night of the 23rd/24th held the eastern and north-eastern defences of Cugny.

At about 7 a.m. on the 24th Golancourt was reported in the hands of the enemy; the village was well behind (west of) the left flank of the Brigade, and it was obvious that a projected attack on Aubigny could not take place. At 9 a.m. the 7th D.C.L.I. were ordered to fall back and join up with the left of the 12th King's at Cugny. French troops were dug in on the line La Neuville-en-Beines–Beaumont–Villeslue.

At about 1.10 p.m. the position of the 61st Brigade was desperate. The Brigade Diary reports: "Our troops were being driven out of Cugny and the enemy was reported advancing from Golancourt. The whole brigade line south of Cugny was being driven back . . . There was much confusion, as it appeared at the time that a general rout was on."

What was left of the brigade was practically isolated. Beaumont, previously held by the French, was now in the hands of the enemy.

"It was an occasion," continued the Brigade Diary, "when it appeared that some immediate action was necessary and that, if no such action were taken, the remainder of the brigade would be surrounded and a complete rout of British and French troops started."

Hurrying up to Berlancourt, the Brigadier found Headquarters of the 36th Division gone and no means of communication. But fortunately the Brigade Commander met General Harman of the 3rd Cavalry Division. This officer came to the rescue: he ordered some of his cavalry to charge the enemy north-west of Villeselve.

The official despatches describe the gallant action of the cavalry in the following terms: "The withdrawal of the troops at Cugny was made possible by a brilliant mounted charge by a squadron of the 6th Cavalry Brigade, which broke through the German line, taking over one hundred prisoners and sabring a large number of the enemy."

This valuable assistance enabled the remnants of the 12th King's and their comrades, the 7th D.C.L.I., to get free from their difficult positions and fall back to west of Villeselve, and then to a roughly-prepared line from Guiscard to Buchoir.

The Battalion Diary of the 12th King's then records that the brigade was "bussed" up to Liancourt. The official despatches then state that: "A gap still existed between the XVIII and XIX Corps west of Nesle, and the Germans had already reached Liancourt Wood when the 61st Brigade of the 20th Division, which had hitherto been engaged with the 36th Division farther

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south, was brought up in 'buses to the neighbourhood of Liancourt. Though reduced to some 450 rifles in its previous fighting, the brigade successfully held up the enemy's advance and made it possible for the remainder of its division to withdraw unmolested through Roye on the morning of the 26th of March."

17th, 18th, and 19th Battalions

Meanwhile the 17th and 18th King's of the 30th Division, in the neighbourhood of Verlaines, and the 19th King's, who had prepared positions from the Libermont to Buverchy crossings over the Canal du Nord, had again been involved with the enemy.

24th March

Excepting continuous shell-fire and heavy machine-gun fire from 1 a.m., the night of the 23rd/24th passed quietly. Dawn broke, as usual, with mist covering the ground. At 8 a.m. the enemy's guns shelled the trenches in front of Verlaines, and shortly afterwards the Germans came on in strength.

Step by step, disputing almost every yard of ground, the division fell back, fighting all the way over the four miles of country to the Canal du Nord. Officers and men were by now absolutely exhausted, for they had been fighting continuously for three days and nights.

Corps orders were to the effect that, if forced to withdraw, the 30th Division would retire to the Canal du Nord and hold the line from Libermont to the Buverchy crossings, inclusive.

By 2 p.m. the remnants of the division were across the Canal north of the Lannoy Farm crossing, and from there to Hospital Ford, the southern part of the line being held also by French troops of the 62nd Division. At 5.10 p.m. the French took over the line from Lannoy Farm southwards. North of this the 90th Brigade held the Canal Line to astride the Buverchy crossing. No further heavy attacks were made by the enemy; several small isolated attacks towards Buverchy crossing were easily beaten off.

25th March

Again considerable artillery fire disturbed the night of the 24th/25th. From 10 a.m. on the 25th the enemy endeavoured to press forward to the Canal, his forces gradually increasing. Great execution was done by the Divisional Artillery and by machine-gun and rifle-fire, but a hostile battery of 4.2s to the south harassed the troops holding the Canal Line.

During the afternoon the 62nd French Division relieved the 30th Division. The 90th Brigade was ordered to withdraw through the French to Omencourt. In this withdrawal the brigade lost heavily, for the enemy had crossed the Canal to the south and had pushed machine-guns close up to the right flank of the 90th Brigade. The 89th Brigade, in support, was relieved at 3 p.m. and marched to bivouacs at Roiglise (seven miles south-west), arriving there at 8 p.m.; the 90th Brigade also reached that place soon after 9 p.m.

"We moved up to Roiglise," said Brigadier-General Stanley, "dumped ourselves down in a field where all the men got hot food which they sorely needed, and then, at about 9.30 p.m., we embussed—a very poor little party—for Plessiers, where it was understood that we should be rested. We arrived there at about midnight on the night of the 25th/26th."

The whole Division (or rather all remaining of it) between midnight and 3 a.m. on the 26th, was concentrated in the area Hangest–Arvillers–Erches.

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On the night of the 25th of March, after the heavy fighting for the Somme Crossings, the British line south of the River ran approximately from Moyencourt, thence westwards to Billancourt and Rethonvillers to east of Cremery and Liancourt. From the latter place the line ran almost due north just east of Hattencourt, Chaulnes, Ablaincourt, Assevillers, Herbecourt to the southern bank of the Somme River, about half-way between Feuillères and Eclusier.

THE FIRST BATTLE OF BAPAUME, 24TH–25TH MARCH

North of the Somme the night of the 23rd/24th had been broken and disturbed, sleep being impossible. Every road westwards was crowded with battalion transport, guns, and motor ambulances: across country, stragglers who could not find their battalions were wandering about, hopelessly lost; worried and short-tempered staff officers galloped here and there, trying vainly to find units to whom to deliver orders.

Flames shot up into the sky from burning dumps, stores and abandoned canteens. The roar from the guns and the sharp barking of machine-guns was almost continuous.

1st Battalion 23rd/24th March

The 1st King's (of the 6th Brigade 2nd Division) had passed the night facing Vélu Wood from the west: they were holding the right of the Brigade front, having the 2nd South Staffords on their left and a number of men of a battalion of the Worcesters (belonging to the 19th Division) on their right. On the right of these men the 5th Brigade continued the divisional front to north-east of Bertincourt. The front line curved round the eastern side of Haplincourt, thence running south-west round the north, west and south of Bus, which was in the hands of the enemy.

News that the enemy was in Bus reached the 1st King's at about 1.45 a.m. on the 24th. A message also was received by the battalion that the 5th Brigade was withdrawing all troops east of the Lebucquière-Barastre road and was forming a defensive flank along the road facing south-east. But evidently there had been a mistake, for the King's, on sending a patrol to get touch with the 5th Brigade, returned with the information that that brigade was still in position north of the Haplincourt–Bertincourt road, with no intention of moving. At this time the Divisional Pioneers (the 10th D.C.L.I.) were digging a line of posts on the right of the King's men, running due south and a continuation of the Green Line.

At 9 a.m. a message from 6th Brigade Headquarters stated that the 5th Brigade at 9.15 a.m. would swing back on to the line manned on the previous night.

The 5th Brigade was reported to be moving back at 9.20 a.m. Simultaneously the left flank was heavily shelled, causing very heavy casualties, only eight other ranks of "C" Company and no officers remaining.

At about 10.30 a.m. the enemy was seen to break through the front of the 56th Brigade (19th Division), on the left of the 6th Brigade, but a counter-attack by the former brigade drove him out again. Nevertheless a company of

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the 17th Royal Fusiliers was sent off to safeguard the left of the Brigade, and at 11.10 a.m. two platoons from the same battalion were sent to reinforce "C" Company of the King's, who had lost so heavily.

The 5th Brigade, owing to a misunderstanding, had fallen back too far, leaving a gap of some eight hundred yards between their left and the right of the King's; two more platoons of the 17th Royal Fusiliers were sent up to fill the gap and the 2nd Highland Light Infantry (5th Brigade), having obtained touch with the King's, agreed to advance their line. But neither the two platoons of Fusiliers, moving up to fill the gap, nor the Highland Light Infantry had time to get into position before the enemy broke through the gap.

This was the beginning of heavy fighting.

Covered by a heavy barrage from his light trench mortars, machine-guns and artillery, the enemy came on in large numbers. "B" and "D" Companies of the King's, with Lewis-gun and rifle-fire inflicted very heavy casualties on the Germans as they came on, bravely enough, but recklessly. Not at any point was the battalion front entered, but hundreds of Germans lay out in front of the King's men, the air being filled with the groans and cries of the wounded. Time after time the S.O.S. signal was sent up, but there was little reply from the Divisional Artillery; the guns were engaged in other parts of the line.

About noon serious news was received by the O.C., 1st King's, that Barastre, south-west of the battalion, had fallen. At about this time the enemy penetrated the gap between the right of the King's and left of the 5th Brigade. On the left of the Staffords also the line had been broken.

Both the 5th and 6th Infantry Brigades now began to fall back to the Red Line. This line ran east of Rocquigny, west of Barastre, thence about half-way between Haplincourt and Villers-au-Flos; but the Line existed mostly on paper.

The King's, their flanks in danger and heavy attacks developing on their right, began to withdraw.

No clear or adequate detailed records exist of those fierce rearguard actions and retirements, nor is it possible to give anything like an accurate description of the hundred-and-one gallant deeds performed that day. An official report adds: "Neither can justice be done to the extreme gallantry of the machine-gunners who protected the withdrawal of the infantry, and the unflagging energy and cool heroism of the officers and men who, for two-and-a-half hours, without any rest, were endeavouring to stem the hostile flood and to dispute every yard of ground, and often rescue, at the hazard of their own lives, their wounded comrades in the open. Many stories were told, and it is invidious to select any particular episode."

There was some high ground just north of Haplincourt, but it was swept by machine-gun fire and pitted by shell bursts from the enemy's artillery. In spite of this, however, Second-Lieut. J. A. Armstrong, with about thirty men of Battalion Headquarters, 1st King's, and two Lewis-guns, took up positions from which they most gallantly covered the retirement of the battalion. Near at hand were two Vickers guns, commanded by Lieut. D. A. Lewis. This little party of officers and men inflicted appalling losses on the enemy, but lost

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heavily themselves. Indeed, of the section which manned the Vickers guns, only one officer survived, and he spent the remainder of the day carrying his gun from place to place, pausing at every opportunity to get it into action and kill still more Boche.

Within a very little while after the Green Line had been vacated it was occupied by the enemy, who immediately mounted his machine-guns and swept all the ground between the Line and Haplincourt with heavy fire.

On reaching the Brigade Signal Station in the sunken road running north from Villers-au-Flos, Colonel Murray-Lyon (O.C., King's) received an order to hold the Red Line. "This," he says in his report, "was the first intimation I had had of such a line." At once he sent Captain H. J. Duff and Captain R. Ward to collect any details of the brigade they could find and get them into the Red Line and, borrowing a horse, the C.O. rode round rounding up stragglers.

By about 2.30 p.m. all men of the brigade who could be found were manning the Red Line, the 1st King's, numbering about sixty, being on the right in front of Haplincourt with a gap of five hundred yards between their right and the left of the 5th Brigade.

At about 3 p.m. another retirement was ordered, as the flanks had again gone. So, again covered by Second-Lieut. Armstrong's two Lewis-guns, the King's men fell back. On reaching Beaulencourt, having passed through the 5th Division which was covering their retirement, the C.O. collected all the men he could find of his battalion (they numbered about sixty) and put them in the Casualty Clearing Station. He then went out in search of the G.O.C., 6th Brigade, but could find no sign of him. Various officers, however, told him that the 17th, 19th and 47th Divisions were assembling on the Pozières–Courcelette Line. Seeing the 5th Brigade moving up in the direction of Ligny Thilloy, Colonel Murray-Lyon followed with the remainder of his battalion. Through Le Barque and on to the Albert road he led his men and, having found 2nd Divisional Headquarters established at Destremont Farm, reported there and asked for orders. He received orders to remain at Destremont Farm for the night and rejoin his brigade in the morning; the men bivouacked in the open. By this time they were very much exhausted and done up. Rations arrived during the night.

Thus ended for the 1st King's the 24th of March. It had been an extraordinary day—full of grim fighting and terrible slaughter of the enemy. We lost heavily, of course, but our losses were light compared with those of the enemy. At times, when rifles, machine-guns and Lewis-guns were firing, whole lines of Germans appeared to fall; they came on in masses—they fell in masses. In some parts of the battlefield the opposing forces appeared to be locked in death struggles; in others the two sides fought each other at a distance. But all the while the line gradually drifted westwards, for the enemy's pressure was too great and in the end numbers told; we were vastly outnumbered.

The night of the 24th/25th was disturbed by shell-fire and all the sounds of moving troops and galloping transport, but the remnants of the 1st King's slept—even if fitfully!

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25th March

Early on the 25th the 6th Brigade moved to Le Sars where orders were received to march on the Pys–Courcelette Line. The brigade reached Pys at about 6 a.m. and took up position with its left on that village and right towards Courcelette, to which place the 5th Brigade, on the right, was to prolong the line.

The 1st King's held the centre of the 6th Brigade line, having the South Staffords on their right and the 12th Royal Fusiliers on their left. The King's were now organised in four platoons, three in the picquet line and one in support. The strength of the battalion was now 102 other ranks. Just before 11 a.m. the 6th Brigade (with the 5th Brigade), having received orders to cover the withdrawal of the 99th Brigade and 10th D.C.L.I., moved forward towards the Le Sars–Warlencourt Line. But the advance had hardly begun when the 99th Brigade passed through the 6th Brigade. The enemy was then seen close to Le Sars. Accordingly the 5th Brigade halted on the high ground overlooking the Dyke Valley, the Staffords and King's of the 6th Brigade conforming and continuing the line to the left.

Once again the flanks gave way, for the 51st Division, on the left of the 2nd Division, was seen falling back from Loupart Wood, and orders were received from 6th Brigade Headquarters for battalions to withdraw to the Pys–Miraumont Line. But these orders were followed almost immediately by others, to fall back to Auchonvillers. When these orders were received by the King's men the enemy was within fifty yards of the foremost posts and were being fired on. The companies at once began to withdraw, one at a time, with covering fire from the remainder. The withdrawal was successfully carried out up and over the Miraumont Ridge. In the Ancre Valley companies were collected and the battalion re-formed.

Colonel Murray-Lyon (O.C., 1st King's) was then told by an officer of the 23rd Royal Fusiliers that the Corps Commander had issued orders for all troops to get back on to the Miraumont Ridge (running south-west from Pys). With a party of D.C.L.I. and the 60th Rifles, the O.C., 1st King's, then decided to advance up the ridge in a line roughly half-way between Pys and Courcelette, 60th on the right, King's men on the left, scouts in front. Halting their battalions below the crest, Colonel Murray-Lyon and Colonel Stafford (O.C., 60th) went on ahead to the left and right respectively. From the ridge it was evident that there were no troops on the right or left, that firing on the left had ceased, and that the enemy was advancing up the slope towards Pys. As the ridge could not be held the two officers withdrew their battalions to the road just short of the Hamel crossing over the Ancre. In this position the King's men prepared to pass the night, having obtained touch on the right with the 63rd Division and with the 2nd Highland Light Infantry on the left.

The 1st King's now consisted of ten officers and about ninety other ranks.

13th Battalion

Meanwhile the 13th King's of the 3rd Division had passed the 24th and 25th in comparative quietude. The battalion, at 5 a.m. on the former date, marched to battle positions in the Green Line and worked on the defences. Later orders were received to relieve the 2nd Royal Scots in the Third System

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near Henin. The relief was carried out. The next two days passed quietly excepting for occasional sniping and intermittent shell-fire.

THE BATTLE OF ROSIERES, 26TH–27TH MARCH

At an early hour on the 26th fierce fighting recommenced on the Fifth Army front. The whole of the troops holding the British line south of the Somme were by now greatly exhausted, and the absence of reserves made the situation one of considerable gravity. Every man was ordered to join some force or other—servants, cooks, batmen, stragglers, school personnel, tunnelling companies, army troop companies, field survey companies—all were got together and organised into fighting forces.

The enemy's principal attacks were south-west and west from Nesle with the hope not only of separating the French and British Armies, but also of interfering with the detraining of French reinforcements by capturing Montdidier. About Hattencourt, in the neighbourhood of the St. Quentin–Amiens road, and at Herbecourt, heavy attacks also developed.

Under heavy pressure, therefore, our divisions fell back to a line as previously ordered on the night of the 25th, *i.e.* Le Quesnoy–Rosières-Proyart. But as the British forces retired westwards the French were gradually forced back in a south-westerly direction beyond Roye, leaving a gap between the French and British Armies, of which the enemy took immediate advantage.

To fill this gap the 36th and 30th Divisions, which on the previous day had been withdrawn to rest, were put once more into the battle, and speedily became involved in heavy fighting about Andechy and to the north of that place.

In this day's fighting the 12th (20th Division) and 17th, 18th and 19th (30th Division) Battalions of the King's Regiment were involved, for the 11th King's (Pioneers), of the 14th Division, from Thiescourt, where they had spent the night of the 25th/26th, marched to high ground south-west of L'Econvillon in reserve, and, during the afternoon to billets in Elincourt.

The 61st Brigade of the 20th Division had spent the night of the 25th/26th in Liancourt (12th King's and 7th D.C.L.I.) and Cremery (7th Somerset). At 11 p.m. on the 25th orders were received from Divisional Headquarters stating that at midnight the whole division was to withdraw, in conjunction with the French, and to march to Le Quesnel at 7 a.m. on the 26th. The 61st Brigade was to concentrate at Fresnoy les Roye by 7 a.m.

At 5.48 a.m. on the 26th marching orders were received. The main body was to move *via* Andechy–Arvillers, thence north-west to main Roye–Amiens road, thence Quesnel. The 61st Brigade was detailed as flank guard to march *via* Fresnoy les Roye–Parvillers–Le Quesnoy-en-Santerre–Bouchoir–Folies.

At 7 a.m. the retirement of the 20th Division began. The flank guard moved on the "leap-frog" system. At 10 a.m. Le Quesnoy and Bouchoir were put into a state of defence.

At Le Quesnoy the Brigade Major received orders at 11.10 a.m. to hold on to the village until relieved by troops of the 30th Division. At 1 p.m. the 30th

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Division relieved troops of the 61st Brigade in Bouchoir but did not relieve those in Le Quesnoy. The reason was that staff officers of the 30th Division sent to reconnoitre the line had reported to Divisional Headquarters that Le Quesnoy was held by the enemy. As a matter of fact the Brigade Major of the 61st Brigade considered that he could not withdraw his little force from the village during daylight, for the enemy had already debouched from Parvillers (at noon) and his machine-guns were turned on all exits from Le Quesnoy Village. With only about one hundred men and two Lewis-guns the Brigade Major organised the village for defence and prepared to fight it out with the enemy until he could safely withdraw.

Whether there were any King's men with this gallant little garrison it is not now possible to say, but the story of that defence is thus told in the official despatches and must be of interest to all survivors of the 12th King's:—

"On this part of the battle front a very gallant feat of arms was performed on this day by a detachment of about one hundred officers and men of the 61st Brigade, 20th Division, at Le Quesnoy. The detachment was detailed to cover the withdrawal of their Division and, under the command of the Brigade Major, Captain E. P. Combe, M.C., successfully held the enemy at bay from early morning until 6 p.m. when the eleven survivors withdrew, under orders, having accomplished their task."

In close detail the action is as follows: At 12.20 p.m. one Lewis-gun, using four drums of ammunition, made good shooting on a company of the enemy at five hundred yards; at 1.10 p.m. the enemy, by sectional rushes advanced to within five hundred yards of the village; at 1.30 p.m. the enemy opened heavy machine-gun and trench-mortar fire on the village, putting both Lewis-guns out of action; by 2 p.m. the enemy, after hand-to-hand fighting, had occupied a position at the eastern end of the village; by 3 p.m. he had attacked and reached as far as the church and centre of the village; a counter-attack, made with the object of capturing three hostile machine-guns near the church, was unsuccessful; at 4 p.m. the gallant little garrison was still holding on to the western end of the village. At last (6.40 p.m.), by which time the enemy was closing in on both flanks, the remnants of that splendid little band (nine men) were withdrawn as the enemy attacked and overran the position.

This dogged defence, but a small incident, was typical of the fine tenacity and courage of our troops.

The 61st Brigade[1] (or all that remained of it) billeted that night at Beaufort.

Of the 30th Division, it will be remembered that on the night of the 25th/26th the 89th Brigade had arrived at Plessier for a rest, but at an early hour on the 26th orders were received to move up again into the battle line.

The 89th Brigade was to hold the left of the line and the 90th Brigade the right, the 21st Brigade being in reserve at Folies. By now a line from

[1] The strength of the 61st Brigade on the night of the 26th/27th of March was: King's—1 officer, 31 other ranks; Somerset—1 officer and 21 other ranks; D.C.L.I.—1 officer, 44 other ranks; Machine-Gun Company—1 officer, 30 other ranks.

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Rouvroy to Bouchoir and Arvillers had been occupied. But no artillery was available to cover the Divisional front. About Arvillers was a composite battalion under Lieut.-Colonel Rollo.

No enemy attacks developed during the day. At 7.40 p.m. the 20th Division received orders from Corps Headquarters to take up position about Folies; this was done.

The night of the 26th/27th passed quietly, though reports were received that the enemy had advanced through Guerbigny on the right front of the 20th Division.

At 10 a.m. on the 27th the Division took over the defences about Arvillers. At that hour also the enemy attacked all along the line under heavy shell-fire, which was more intense on Arvillers than elsewhere. The attack lasted until 1 p.m. During that period the Divisional front was shaken, and here and there retirements took place. A very spirited counter-attack by the 18th King's in front of Folies did much to restore the situation, that battalion going forward with great determination and steadiness, which had a great moral effect on retiring troops.

By 1 p.m. the enemy's attack had been broken and the situation was well in hand all along the line.

During the day orders were received that the 20th Division would be relieved by French troops, but the relief did not materialise and, when darkness fell, the 90th and 89th Brigades were still holding the line from Bouchoir–Folies–Rouvroy.

There is little in the records of the 17th, 18th and 19th King's Regiment during the 26th and 27th of March of outstanding interest. No one had time to write down incidents which for ever remain in the minds of those who witnessed them and came through the War. But what is of interest is the constant proof that the King's men fought well and upheld the highest traditions of the King's Regiment.

Of the 12th King's, three lines in their diary suffice to cover the period from the 26th to the 31st of March inclusive: "From 26th March until 31st March a series of rearguard actions were fought during the retirement which was continued to conform with the general line of the units on the flanks." On the 31st of March the battalion was holding positions about two hundred yards from Hangard.

The 11th King's left Elincourt on the 27th and marched to Remy where they bivouacked in a field.

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North of the Somme, on the 26th and 27th of March, there was also heavy fighting, but for some obscure reason no battle honours were granted the gallant troops, whose efforts were still centred on holding up the enemy's advance.

Neither the 1st King's of the 6th Brigade (2nd Division) nor the 13th King's of the 9th Brigade (3rd Division) were heavily engaged, indeed only the former exchanged rifle-fire with the enemy.

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1st Battalion

On the night of the 25th/26th the 1st Battalion had taken up positions covering the Hamel Crossing over the Ancre. An hour before dawn on the

26th March

26th a battalion of the 63rd Division relieved the King's men and the latter moved to a position in the old British line south of Beaumont-Hamel, facing north-east with posts in front overlooking Station Road. A little later two battalions of German troops were seen advancing down the Miraumont—Beaucourt road, in column of route with their transport—an inviting target for artillery. The latter were notified direct and also through Brigade Headquarters, but for some reason the guns did not open fire. The enemy's troops poured into Station Road Valley and then began to work westwards, driving in the outposts. In a little while the enemy appeared in his old line opposite the King's men. Rifle and Lewis-gun fire was opened on him and casualties were inflicted. Indeed, throughout the day he was kept well down and not allowed to show himself, so that it was dusk before he could succeed in mounting his machine-guns. The German artillery were also observed coming into action near Grandcourt—twenty-four guns were counted. But again, though this information was sent back to the Divisional Artillery, the guns did not open fire.

That night the 1st King's were relieved by a battalion of New Zealanders and marched back, through Auchonvillers, to bivouacs in Mailly-Maillet Wood.

The casualties of the 1st King's from the 22nd to the 26th of March inclusive were 8 officers and 319 other ranks.

27th March

On the 27th the battalion, whose strength was only just over one hundred, was reorganised into one company and moved to Beaussart. But at 8 p.m. the battalion moved back to Englebelmer into support.

13th Battalion 26/27th March

The 13th King's passed the 26th and 27th of March in the third system of defences near Henin, without incident excepting for occasional sniping and intermittent shell-fire. At midnight 27th/28th "C" and "D" Companies relieved "A" and "B" in the front line, the latter moving back into support positions. Shell-fire throughout the 27th had been rather more heavy, the Reserve Line being specially marked down by the hostile artillery.

THE FIRST BATTLE OF ARRAS, 1918: 28TH MARCH

On the 28th of March the enemy launched a great attack north of the Somme River from Puisieux to north-east of Arras.

This attack was a considerable extension of the original front of attack. But it had been foreseen and arrangements had been made to meet the assault. The enemy attached the greatest importance to this attack, in which he hoped to recapture the Vimy Ridge and carry the ground east of Lens.

"After a bombardment of great violence," state the official despatches, "three fresh German divisions advanced to the assault along the northern bank of the Scarpe River: they were supported by the two German divisions already in the line. The enemy's immediate objective was to gain the general line Vimy–Bailleul–St. Laurent–Blangy. On the following day three special assault divisions were to carry the Vimy Ridge.

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"Immediately south of the Scarpe four German divisions were engaged, to two of which were assigned the tasks of capturing Arras and the heights overlooking the town. This assault, the weight of which fell on the 3rd and 15th British Divisions, was supported by powerful attacks in which eleven hostile divisions were engaged along our whole front southwards to beyond Bucquoy."

In this great assault the methods adopted by the enemy on the 21st of March were employed once more. But the fog which then had "blinded" our artillery and machine-gunners was now absent and, as a consequence, the advancing lines of Germans were met everywhere along the whole front by a merciless fire which decimated their ranks and shattered their attack. Though in one place (north of the Scarpe) the enemy's infantry advanced in solid masses almost shoulder-to-shoulder and six lines deep, all that he accomplished was the capture in a few places of our outpost line; in no place did he enter our front line.

A second attack, north of the Scarpe, launched during the afternoon after another heavy bombardment, was also completely repulsed and, broken and disappointed, the enemy fell back to his original line.

1st Battalion 28th March

The 1st King's were still in support in Englebelmer on the 28th. They were so weak in strength that they were temporarily joined to the 2nd South Staffords under Major W. C. Smith, Colonel Murray-Lyon going to the transport lines for a rest. The 29th saw the battalion moving up to the front line in Aveluy Wood, which they took over after dark.

13th Battalion 28th March

Thus the enemy's great attack on the 28th of March did not involve the 1st King's in active operations. The 13th King's, however, were heavily engaged.

The 9th Brigade "Narrative of Operations" prefaces its description of the battle with the following words: "The story of the battle which followed is one of desperate fighting, a soldier's battle in which the order 'no retirement' was literally carried out until, at 5 p.m., both flanks being in the air and a serious attack on the Green Line that day being awaited, orders were issued for the remaining troops of the brigade to withdraw behind the Green Line."

The battalion story relates that "at 4.30 a.m. the enemy put down an intense barrage on the whole of our sector. The trench-mortar barrage on the front line was more intense than anything previously experienced. The Reserve Line was barraged with light guns and 'heavies.' Under cover of this barrage the enemy launched a terrific attack with masses of troops. In spite of the intensity of the bombardment, the front line stood firm and poured a devastating fire into the enemy, whose attack was beaten off with colossal casualties to the attackers. The value of this steadfastness against tremendous odds cannot be estimated; it gave the enemy his first check at a point where he was subsequently checked throughout the day. The enemy came back again in a second attack with even greater numbers. The battalion on our right was forced back and the enemy poured in behind "C" and "D" Companies from the right flank. What happened on the left is not known. All that is known is that these two companies, attacked on all sides, mounted the parapet and fought to a finish on the ground on which they stood.

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"Under cover of the barrage the enemy came on up the hill to the reserve lines. Owing to the nature of the ground he could not be observed along most of the battalion front until nearly on our wire. The barrage lifted and in dense waves the Germans swept on to our lines. It was the beginning of a fierce battle which lasted until 2 p.m.

"The coolness, courage and endurance of the garrison were beyond praise. Every rifle and Lewis-gun brought a tremendous volume of fire to bear on the approaching masses. In spite of his losses the enemy continued to push on until the thin line, wavering, could go no further and turned down the slope again. Our men mounted the parapet to keep him under fire so long as they could keep him in sight.

"The first attack on the front line had been beaten off and our line was everywhere intact."

The 13th King's were in touch on the right with the 7th Shropshires, and on the left with the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers.

"The enemy now resumed his barrage on our positions by firing green lights. An intense barrage came down for ten or fifteen minutes. As soon as it lifted the enemy immediately came on to another attack. This also was repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. Our flanks were still intact, but it was known that, further to the left, the enemy was making progress, and our left flank was becoming exposed. Twice again the enemy fell back, each time bringing down the barrage on our positions with green lights and pushing on his attack as soon as it lifted. About midday the enemy's fourth attack penetrated on our right. A block was immediately made and maintained, about 150 yards from the road on the southern side. A defensive flank was put out and a few men lined the bank of the Neuville–Vitasse road to guard our rear as far as possible.

"From midday onwards only about five or six hundred yards of the reserve line remained in our hands, the troops on both flanks having fallen back some hundreds of yards. It was evident that, with the next hostile attack, the position would immediately be surrounded and would hold out no longer. However, it was decided to hold on, though the brigade message informed us that no reinforcements were available. At 2 p.m. a message from brigade instructed us to rendezvous in N.24 central (about seven hundred yards east of Wancourt) if withdrawal became necessary. Withdrawal to support of the 4th Royal Fusiliers in the Green Line was then decided upon and orders were issued for an immediate withdrawal. It commenced at 3.30 p.m., the movement from the front line being covered by small posts and blocks, and the defensive flank on the right remaining in position until all the garrison of the reserve line had moved off to the south-west of Neuville Vitasse road by the Sugar Factory. The enemy, moving forward for another attack, severely harassed the withdrawal, and it was only by great gallantry and initiative of individuals that the enemy was warded off until the line was clear. By 5 p.m. all troops had passed through the Green Line with all wounded evacuated and without anyone being cut off. The battalion reorganised under cover of the ridge in N.24 central,

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and at dusk moved back into brigade reserve and occupied trenches in M.22.C" (about 1,200 yards north-west of Mercatel).

On the 29th the 13th King's remained in brigade reserve, the situation then being quiet. At 11 p.m. the battalion was relieved by Canadian troops and marched back to Monchiet. 29th March

Thus, south of the Scarpe, the enemy had made a very small advance, but it was valueless for his purpose and not at all worth the huge casualties he had suffered.

So far as the enemy was concerned the First Battle of Arras, 1918, was a complete failure—disastrous to him in every way.

On the 30th the 13th King's moved by road to Ivergny, and on the 31st began reorganisation, though most of the day was devoted to resting the troops who had been through very trying experiences. 30th March

There is no casualty list in the diary of the battalion, but in the Brigade Diary there is a list which gives the losses of the King's men as one officer killed, two wounded and eight missing, and in other ranks twenty-one killed, ninety-two wounded and 254 missing.

But it was a very gallant fight—worthy of the regiment.

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CHAPTER XXXIX

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVES OF 1918

(ii) IN FLANDERS: 9TH–29TH APRIL

THE BATTLES OF THE LYS

THE scene shifts now to the valley of the Lys where, prior to the 21st of March, certain preparations had indicated the probability of a German attack. During the first days of April these preparations were nearly completed, pointing to a coming hostile attack, though the exact date and extent of the offensive could not be gauged.

On the night of the 7th of April the enemy very heavily bombarded the whole line from Lens to Armentières with gas shell. This bombardment recommenced with the greatest violence (high-explosive being added to gas shell) at 4 a.m. on the morning of the 9th of April.[1]

From Givenchy, just north of the La Bassée Canal, to the Ypres–Comines Canal our line was held, on the morning of the 9th, by the 55th, 2nd Portuguese, 40th, 34th, 25th, 19th and 9th Divisions, all of which, with the exception of the 55th and Portuguese, had already been engaged in hard fighting on the Somme during March; they were, in consequence, much weakened in strength and still in need of rest.

THE BATTLE OF ESTAIRES: 9TH–11TH APRIL

The Portuguese Division was due to be relieved when, at about 7 a.m. on the 9th, the enemy, in considerable strength, attacked their left brigade, broke into the trenches, and proceeded to roll up the flanks. Thick fog again favoured the enemy, during which observation was impossible, so that nothing could be seen of what was happening in the front line, nor S.O.S. signals. In a little while the right of the 40th Division was forced to form a defensive flank facing south.

Meanwhile, south of the Portuguese sector, the 55th Division had been attacked frontally, and a little later (the whole of the Portuguese front having been broken) the left brigade was forced back from its outpost line. But the main line of resistance of the division was intact; a defensive flank was formed facing north between Festubert and a strong point just south of Le Touret, touch being obtained later with the 51st Division, which had been put into the line.

[1] On this occasion the enemy used Phosgene gas shell, not mustard. As the former gas passed away quickly and did not hang about like mustard gas (the effect of which was insidious) it was evident that the enemy was about to attack.

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The following extract from the official despatches is a fitting tribute to the 55th Division, which fought most gallantly:

"Throughout the remainder of the day the 55th Division maintained its position against all assaults and, by successful counter-attacks, captured over 750 prisoners. The success of this most gallant defence, the importance of which it would be hard to over-estimate, was due in great measure to the courage and determination displayed by our advanced posts. These held out with the utmost resolution, though surrounded, pinning to the ground those parties of the enemy who had penetrated our defences, and preventing them from developing their attack. Among the many gallant deeds recorded of them, one instance is known of a machine-gun which was kept in action although the German infantry had entered the rear compartment of the "pill box" from which it was firing, the gun team holding up the enemy by revolver fire from the inner compartment."

1/5th, 1/6th, and 1/7th Battalions

The left brigade of the 55th Division was the 165th, consisting of the 1/5th, 1/6th and 1/7th King's Regiment. The line held by the brigade before the attack was very strong. It consisted of the Village Line from Le Plantin South to Cailloux North on the main line of resistance, with a sector of the Old British Line in front joining up with the Portuguese on the left and the 164th Brigade on the right. From 1,000 to 1,500 yards in front of the Village Line companies were distributed in depth with posts in the derelict front line. The Village Line consisted of a series of well-concealed breastworks, loop-holed walls and buildings. Each post (however small) had its defence scheme. Cross fire from the various posts covered the ground in front. From concrete emplacements excellent enfilade machine-gun fire was possible. Three belts of wire and several deep ditches of water also protected the position. In rear of the Village Line were two more defensive positions, *i.e.* Tuning Fork Line and Tuning Fork Switch.

The 1/7th King's (Lieut.-Colonel C. K. Potter) held the right sub-sector of the brigade front, the 1/5th King's (Lieut.-Colonel A. Buckley) the left, whilst of the 1/6th King's (Lieut.-Colonel J. McKaig) one company supported the 1/7th Battalion, another company the 1/5th. Battalion Headquarters and the two remaining companies were at Gorre.

9th April

At 4.10 a.m. (9th April) the enemy very heavily bombarded all trenches, battery positions, and back areas of the 55th Division sector; he was using high-explosive, and phosgene gas. The morning was very misty and little could be seen.

The precise hour the German infantry attacked is not certain, but apparently the attack began on the left earlier than on the right, for by 8 a.m. the Portuguese had evacuated the whole of their trenches without attempting to fight. At that hour the trenches of the King's men were still under violent bombardment.

The retirement of the Portuguese[1] uncovered entirely the left flank of the

[1] An officer, who had been sent to see what was happening to the Portuguese, tried to rally them until they threatened to bayonet him.

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165th Brigade and, under cover of the mist, the enemy got right up to, and in between, the defences before he was observed.

The left of the Village Line rested on Cailloux North, a small post with all-round defence and with an excellent field of fire to the north. About nine hundred yards west of this post was Route "A" Keep, also prepared for all-round defence. Other defended posts protecting the left flank of the brigade were the northern end of the Tuning Fork Switch, northern end of Tuning Fork Line, Loisne Central Keep and Loisne West Keep.

Route "A" Keep was attacked at about 11 a.m., the enemy getting right up to the wire before he was observed. The machine-guns were on the parapet ready for indirect fire instead of in the concrete emplacements, the garrison having no idea that the Germans had passed the Village Line. These guns were almost immediately put out of action. The Germans attacking in front of the Keep were repulsed, but others entered it from behind and, after a severe bombing fight, the Keep was captured.

1/5th Battalion

The 1/5th King's state that the enemy's infantry attack began at 7.30 a.m. and that "two of the companies are missing," evidently the two forward companies holding the outpost and Old British Lines. The foremost platoon of "A" Company, in the Cailloux locality, was also missing. "The enemy captured the Old British Line," the Battalion Diary records, "but outposts at Festubert East and those in the Village Line remained intact." This is all that the 1/5th record of the day's heavy fighting.

1/7th Battalion

Meanwhile the 1/7th King's, on the right, had also been heavily attacked, for the enemy had assaulted in great strength the front of the 164th Brigade, had captured the outpost line and part of the Old British Line as well as Windy Corner. From the latter point he turned north, engaging the Village Line. First the trenches held by the 1/7th at Prince's Island were overpowered, then George Street and Banton Tee, the enemy getting round each flank and taking the position from the rear. About 9.50 a.m. the Germans advanced on the Old British Line, again attacking both from the front and flank, the garrison being surprised.

But the Village Line held.

At 12 noon it was evident that the enemy was advancing in force on the Village Line. Rapid rifle and machine-gun fire was opened as, through the mist, large numbers of Germans could be seen in front of Yellow Road and Le Plantin South, endeavouring to get through the wire.

With cries of "Cease fire!" "Cease fire!" crowds of infuriated Germans tried to cut or tear their way through the wire, but their cries only spurred on the gallant garrisons who, increasing their volume of fire, shot down the enemy in bunches. It was soon apparent that, so far as the frontal attack was concerned, there was nothing to fear. But, just as on the Somme in March, so on the Lys in April, the flanks were always the danger points. With great determination the enemy pressed on, continually trying to drive wedges into our line and then roll up the flanks. Windy Corner and Le Plantin South fell in this manner, but both were re-captured by spirited counter-attacks by the 1/7th King's

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and the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers of the 164th Brigade, some 400 to 500 Germans with numerous machine-guns being taken.

In this counter-attack Capt. J. W. Cook and Capt. M. T. Leach of the 1/7th King's distinguished themselves by the efficient handling of their men.

After the recapture of Windy Corner and Le Plantin South two platoons of the 1/6th King's, which had been forming the right defensive flank of the line held by the 1/7th, took up positions on the Village Road, linking up Le Plantin South with Windy Corner. Patrols were then pushed out for the night and the enemy was reported holding strong points at the junctions of the Old British Line, Fife Road and Barnton Trench.

1/6th Battalion

The 1/6th King's record their part in the day's fighting at length which may be summarised as follows. When the attack started, one company supported the 1/7th and another the 1/5th, the two remaining companies, with Battalion Headquarters, being back in Gorre. At about 5.15 a.m. Battalion Headquarters received an order from the brigade to move with the two companies at Gorre into the Tuning Fork Line. These companies set out immediately over the open and through a very heavy barrage of gas and high explosive shell; they had to march by compass owing to the heavy mist. A number of casualties were suffered including the Adjutant (Capt. A. E. Jones) who was killed. "B" Company occupied the Tuning Fork Switch with one platoon in Route "A" Keep. "D" Company went into the Tuning Fork Line and Tuning Fork Keep.

The 1/6th then report that the 10th King's (Liverpool Scottish) arrived and took up positions also in the Tuning Fork Line. The 10th belonged to the 166th Brigade, then in Divisional Reserve.

At 11.15 a.m. Battalion Headquarters, 1/6th, received a report that the Old British Line had been captured, that the Portuguese had retired, and that Route "A" Keep had been captured by the enemy. Simultaneously with this report Battalion Headquarters received orders to send "D" Company to reinforce the 1/7th Battalion, and "B" to reinforce the 1/5th, and the Battalion Diary records that: "From 9th April to 15th all four companies took part equally with the 1/5th and 1/7th King's in the fighting on the Village Line."

The enemy's shell-fire was very severe when the above orders were received, and it was found necessary to move the Liverpool Scottish further to the left towards Loisne Central, while one company was sent to the Tuning Fork Switch.

At this period also Route "A" Keep, which had been taken by the enemy, was causing no little anxiety, but it was impossible to organise the necessary counter-attack owing to the situation at Windy Corner and Plantin South.

At about 3 p.m. a patrol brought in news that Loisne Central was held only by about twenty men of the Royal Field Artillery with a Lewis-gun. After a personal reconnaissance Major Munro (Liverpool Scottish) and Lieut.-Colonel McKaig (1/6th King's) sent a company of Liverpool Scottish to that position. They arrived only just in time, for the gallant gunners were hard beset, and one German had already penetrated the position (and was captured), and the place would undoubtedly have fallen to the enemy.

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At dusk the enemy's artillery fire slackened considerably, and the night was comparatively quiet.

10th Battalion

The records of the Liverpool Scottish are meagre in the extreme. Their story of the events of the 9th of April with which they were concerned is as follows: "At 4 a.m. a very heavy bombardment on both the front and back areas opened, and about 4.45 a.m. the pre-arranged code word 'Bustle' (on receipt of which battle positions had to be occupied) was received, and the battalion moved to Tuning Fork locality. Heavy casualties were sustained *en route* owing to the heavy and accurate shelling of all roads and tracks with high-explosive and gas shell. Shelling continued heavy until 9.50 a.m. "B" Company occupied Loisne Central. The battalion came under the orders of the Brigadier-General Commanding, 165th Infantry Brigade. The evening and night were comparatively quiet."

13th Battalion

Another battalion of the Regiment, *i.e.* the 13th King's, of the 9th Brigade, 3rd Division, came under the orders of the 165th Brigade during the night of the 9th/10th of April. This battalion was out of the line at Ivergny when the attack began. At midday orders were received to "stand to" and at 8 p.m. that night the battalion marched off to a point between Coupigny and Béthune, whence they were carried by 'bus to the latter place. They then marched to Gorre Château, where they came under the orders of the 165th Brigade and were placed in Brigade Reserve.

The net result of the enemy's attack on the 55th Division was that, owing to the retirement of the Portuguese, the left of the division was bent back facing north and north-east. The loss of ground was very small.

10th April

At 7.40 a.m. on the 10th, the enemy attacked Loisne from the north, advancing in large numbers under a heavy barrage. The attack was beaten off finally by 9.30 a.m., but the garrison of Loisne suffered heavy casualties. Later, during the morning, several half-hearted attempts by the enemy to capture Cailloux and Festubert were repulsed without difficulty. Germans were reported in the Old British Line, but our artillery broke them up and dispersed them. At 7 p.m. another attempt was made to capture Loisne. The enemy gained a temporary footing in this village but was driven out again, leaving twenty prisoners and two machine-guns in our hands.

Such, briefly, was the 165th Brigade narrative. The records of the 1/5th, 1/6th and 1/7th King's add nothing of importance to the story. The 1/10th state that on three occasions during the 10th they were attacked, but each time repulsed the enemy. The 13th King's sent three companies forward during the day to strengthen the line, *i.e.* "D" Company to line a stream north-west of Gorre, "C" Company to Festubert and "B" Company to Tuning Fork.

11th April

On the morning of the 11th of April, at 11 a.m., the enemy, after a very heavy bombardment, attacked the 55th Division from Loisne to the Lawe Canal. The centre and left of the 166th Brigade were pressed back slightly, the latter flank resting on the Pont Tournant east of Locon.

During the afternoon the Village Line was again attacked, and Festubert East Keep and Cailloux Keep were captured by the enemy; they were, however,

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recaptured by an immediate local counter-attack and by 7 p.m. the line had been completely restored.

In the attack on the 166th Brigade the King's men do not appear to have been involved, the 1/10th merely recording that the enemy bombarded the line between 7.15 a.m. and 8.15 a.m.

The King's men of the 165th Brigade had heavy fighting. During the afternoon the Germans were reported advancing in great numbers between Rue Cailloux and Quinque Rue, and massing all along the Old British Line. The guns were turned on to them and they suffered very heavy casualties, which prevented the attack developing along the southern portion of the line. By 4.30 p.m., however, Festubert East and Cailloux Keeps had fallen, the garrisons being driven out by the very heavy shell-fire. The 1/5th and 13th King's recaptured these two places, Major Keet and Capt. Barratt doing specially good work. The 1/6th were also concerned in the re-taking of these two points.

The enemy's shell-fire on the 11th was terrific: in many parts of the line, and particularly in portions of the Tuning Fork Switch, the breastworks were entirely obliterated.

The men were by now very tired and shaken, for two days they had been fighting and had had practically no sleep.

During the night of the 11th/12th, the 1/5th and 1/6th were relieved and moved back from the front line; the 1/7th King's did not, however, come out until the 14th, having then been in the front line for fifteen days.

Apparently the Battle of Estaires ended on the night of the 11th of April, and by that time the splendid defence put up by the 55th Division had secured the left flank of our line north of the La Bassée Canal. The enemy then directed his efforts against the centre and northern flank.

On the night of the 12th/13th "X" Company of the 1/10th King's (Liverpool Scottish), and "D" Company of the 13th King's (commanded by Captain J. R. McSwiney and Lieut. J. R. Ellis respectively) recaptured Route "A" Keep in a brilliant little counter-attack. Attempts later by the enemy to recapture the Keep were repulsed.

THE BATTLE OF MESSINES, 1918: 10TH–11TH APRIL

4th Battalion

Although not engaged with the enemy the 4th King's (33rd Division) were in the area of the battle, as laid down by the Report of the Battles Nomenclature Committee. The 4th Battalion left Ambrines on the 10th of April, by train for Strazeele, and detrained at Caestre on the 11th. They marched first to bivouacs near Fletre, thence at 6.30 p.m. to Ravelsberg Camp, where they bivouacked for the night.

THE BATTLE OF BAILLEUL, 13TH–15TH APRIL

On the night of the 12th of April, the British line north of the La Bassée Canal ran through Givenchy and Festubert, bending back in a north-westerly direction to just east of Hinges, thence along the Canal to the crossing south

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of Marquois; from the latter point the line ran northerly, west of Calonne and Merville, then slightly north-east past the eastern outskirts of Vieux Berquin and Merris, turning then almost due east to La Creche whence it ran north-east again, east of Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem to Wytschaete, thence to the Comines Canal east of Hollebeke.

On the afternoon of the 12th sharp fighting had taken place about Neuve Eglise, the enemy maintaining his pressure in this sector. By the early morning of the 13th he had forced his way into the village but was ejected by the 33rd and 49th Divisions, who took a number of prisoners.

4th Battalion 15th April

It was not, however, until the 15th that the 4th King's came into action. From Ravelsburg Camp, where the battalion had arrived on the 11th, the King's men moved, on the 12th, to Dranoutre, Kemmel Hill, back to Dranoutre, and thence to Bailleul Aerodrome. On the 13th the battalion moved to Meteren in support of the 19th Infantry Brigade, having one other rank killed and ten wounded by shell-fire. On the 14th the King's moved up in support of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's, Second-Lieut. F. Makinson being killed. At 9 p.m. that night they held a position along the road just south of Meteren, but of what happened on the 15th there are no records. The battalion narrative states that "the next six hours in this position were fairly quiet," but the C.O. says "I regret very much, owing to very heavy casualties amongst officers, I am not in a position to give as much detail as I would like."[1]

Bailleul fell on the 15th and our troops, heavily attacked from the east and south, were compelled to fall back to positions between Meteren and Dranoutre.

Of the 4th King's, Second-Lieuts. F. H. Dawson, W. H. Jones, E. Capstick, W. M. N. Elmes and H. R. Anderson were wounded.

16th April

On the 16th (at various hours) the enemy made a number of strong local attacks on the Meteren-Wytschaete front which, for the most part, were repulsed with heavy loss to him. He succeeded, however, after much confused and heavy fighting, in establishing himself in both villages and, although gallant attempts were made to turn him out, he remained in possession of his gains when night fell.

The 4th King's throughout the day were heavily engaged. In their position along the road running south from Meteren, they had the 5th Scottish Rifles on their right, and troops of the Tank Corps on their left. At 5 a.m. the O.C., "C" Company, reported that the Tank Corps troops had fallen back, and two more platoons were sent up to try and fill the gap but did not succeed in reaching the position before the enemy launched his attack. Coming on in great numbers he succeeded in penetrating the gap left by the Tank Corps. The right of the King's stood firm, but the left was compelled to fall back, re-forming and taking up part of the line which now ran through Meteren Village. It was then discovered that the left front Company ("C") had practically

[1] For the first three days the battalion was temporarily commanded by Capt. G. N. B. Warburton. This gallant officer was killed on the 17th of April.

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disappeared. The new position was taken up by two platoons from another company.

At 11 a.m. an officer patrol discovered the enemy strongly established in Meteren.

The remainder of the day (so far as the 4th King's were concerned) was comparatively quiet and consolidation was carried out. At 11 a.m. on the 16th the enemy again attacked the battalion, and was again repulsed with heavy loss. But by nightfall on this date Vieux Berquin, Merris, Meteren, Bailleul, Neuve Eglise and Wytschaete were in his hands, and he was preparing for a big attack on the high ground at Dranoutre and Mont Kemmel.[1]

THE FIRST BATTLE OF KEMMEL, 17TH–19TH APRIL

On the morning of the 17th of April the enemy made a determined attempt to capture Kemmel Hill. This commanding feature was of great importance. After a preliminary bombardment of great intensity the enemy launched his attack on Dranoutre and Kemmel; farther south he attacked also in the Meteren and Merris sectors. 17th April

The 4th King's, still in position on the road running south from Meteren, were not attacked until 6 p.m. But at that hour the enemy succeeded in capturing a farm held by the King's men. French troops, however, came to their assistance and a well-organised counter-attack completely restored the situation. During his attack the enemy had succeeded in surrounding "D" Company Headquarters where five officers, including the Adjutant—Captain G. H. E. Warburton—were holding a conference. A desperate fight ensued, in which Captain Warburton and Second-Lieut. G. C. Gibb were killed. The remaining three officers were captured.

"The death of Captain G. H. E. Warburton," said Lieut.-Colonel S. E. Norris, "is particularly regretted, as he had just handed over command to Major J. H. L. Browne, prior to coming back for a rest, when he went forward to "D" Company's Headquarters."

The remnants of the 4th King's were relieved during the night of the 18th/19th of April, and marched back to Boeschepe.

No less than twenty officers and 469 other ranks were the casualties suffered by the battalion since going into the front line—a heavy toll.

Meanwhile the three battalions of the regiment forming the 89th Brigade (30th Division), *i.e.* 17th, 18th and 19th King's, had arrived in the battle area. 17th, 18th, and 19th Battalions

At the beginning of April the brigade was in the Elincourt area, reorganising and refitting after the recent operations on the Fifth Army front. On the 4th the brigade entrained at Woincourt for the Proven area where, on arrival, all units were accommodated in huts at Elverdinghe. Orders were then received to relieve the 1st Infantry Brigade in the front line south of the Ypres–Staden railway on the night of the 7th/8th.

[1] The fighting on the 16th of April has been completely overlooked by the Battles Nomenclature Committee.

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7th April

On the 7th, before Church Parade, the brigade assembled in order that the Brigadier-General (the Hon. F. C. Stanley) might bid farewell to the three battalions of King's men. General Stanley was beloved by all ranks and his going was very greatly regretted, for the welfare of the Brigade had always been his chief thought.

That night the 18th King's went into the front line, the 17th Battalion in support and the 19th Battalion in reserve. On the 12th Brigadier-General R. A. Currie assumed command of the 89th Brigade.

On the 15th of April, in accordance with orders from G.H.Q., who decided to evacuate a portion of the Ypres Salient, the 30th Division withdrew from the forward area to the line of the Steenbeek. The 17th King's then moved back to Lennox Camp, while the 18th and 19th Battalions were in position on the canal bank. On the 16th, however, fresh orders came to hand. Owing to the situation further south, the brigade was carried in 'buses to the Westoutre–Mount Kokereele road (west of Kemmel) and bivouacked there for the night, awaiting orders from Headquarters, 34th Division, to which the brigade had been attached.

17th April

During the evening of the 17th the three battalions moved forward to relieve troops of the 101st Brigade in the front line south-east of St. Jans Cappel. The 18th King's went into the line on the right, the 17th Battalion on the left; the 19th were in brigade reserve in front (west) of Bailleul.

The 17th King's record that "patrolling was vigorous," for both sides were extremely active. This battalion lost two officers, Second-Lieut. R. Gill killed, and Second-Lieut. H. Crook, who was so badly wounded that he died on the 20th.

Neither on the 18th or 19th was the enemy's infantry aggressive, though his artillery shelled the line and back areas vigorously. The French had come up in great force and their deadly "75s" joined in with our artillery in retaliating on the German lines.

Several other casualties occurred among the officers of the 17th, 18th and

20th/21st April

19th King's before, on the 20th/21st, the battalions were relieved and marched back to Busseboom. Lieut.-Colonel C. N. Watson, of the 17th Battalion, was wounded in both legs. Lieut. W. W. Brown (19th Battalion) had been wounded on the 16th, upon which date Capt. C. A. Emery, of the 17th King's, was also wounded.

Training and refitting were carried out, though numerous reconnaissances were made by parties from each battalion of the forward area.

All three battalions of the King's Regiment record in their diaries, during this period out of the line, lists of awards for services during the fighting on the Somme from the 21st to the 30th of March. Of the 17th Battalion, Lieut. D. Watson and Second-Lieut. W. V. Kay were awarded the Military Cross. Company Sergt.-Major T. E. Watterson and Sergt. T. Ashworth were awarded the D.C.M., and the following the Military Medal:—L/Cpl. A. Brown, Private R. Sonndie, Private T. Wallard, Sergt. J. Moran, Private H. Lee, Private W. Davies, Corporal R. Lincoln, Private H. Clarkson and Corporal R. Holden.

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Of the 18th Battalion, Capts. J. S. Edwards,[1] C. D. Redhead and D. Campbell, R.A.M.C. (the Battalion Medical Officer), and Second-Lieuts. H. L. Baker and R. W. Sparks were awarded the Military Cross; Sergt. S. R. Williams the D.C.M., and the following the Military Medal:—Private F. Beaumont, Private W. Robbins, L/Cpl. P. D. Looney, Private G. R. Bullock, Private J. H. Nelson, Private J. Lathom and Private R. B. Pierce.

Among the officers of the 19th Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel C. N. Watson was awarded a bar to his D.S.O., and the Military Cross to Capts. E. Rigley-Jones and E. A. Dickson; the D.C.M. was awarded to Sergeant W. Dobring; and the Military Medal to Sergeant E. E. Bryan, L/Cpl. F. Baldwin and Privates H. M. Field, R. Congill and S. Lewis.

THE BATTLE OF BETHUNE, 18TH APRIL

In the meantime the enemy, on the 18th, had again attacked the southern flank from Givenchy to Merville and, although he had at first been successful in entering our lines at certain points, he was driven out again with exceedingly heavy losses. The 9th Brigade held a portion of the line attacked, but the 13th King's were in reserve at Annezin.[2] 13th Battalion

THE SECOND BATTLE OF KEMMEL, 25TH–26TH APRIL

On the morning of the 25th of April the enemy, in great strength, resumed his attacks north of the Lys. The official despatches state that: "Following upon a very violent bombardment, at about 5 a.m. the enemy attacked the French and British positions from Bailleul to the Ypres–Comines Canal with nine divisions, of which five were fresh divisions and one other had been but lightly engaged. The main object of the attack was the capture of Kemmel Hill by a direct assault upon the French,[3] combined with an attack upon the British right, south[4] of Wytschaete, aimed at turning the British right flank and separating it from the French. At that date the British right flank lay on the Messines–Kemmel road, at a point about half-way between Kemmel and Wytschaete."

On the 25th of April the 89th Brigade was still at Busseboom, but at 1.15 a.m. a wire was received at Brigade Headquarters stating that, a German prisoner having given information that the enemy was going to attack Wytschaete at 5 a.m., the brigade was to be ready to move forward at half-an-hour's notice. The brigade was not, however, called upon during the day,

[1] Died of wounds on the 23rd April, 1918.

[2] On the 20th the diary of the 13th King's Regiment contains the announcement of the award of Military Medals to the following:—Sergeants J. F. Hill, J. Sutherland, J. Unsworth, W. G. Brodie, Lance-Sergeant H. Cromer, Corporals C. Randall, J. W. Baker, Lance-Corporals I. Goddard, J. H. Myers, F. J. Duffy, A. E. R. Henstridge, Privates W. D. Fowler, S. Walker, R. Smales, G. Carroll, R. Maddocks, L. Harrison, A. Simpson, J. Poddy, A. Roberts, H. Hanley, W. Smith, H. Marsden, P. Murphy, G. Sloan, S. Maltman, J. Kelly, G. Marland, L. G. Orme and A. Dron.

[3] The French held the Kemmel sector, having taken over the whole of it by the 21st of April.

[4] South-west would be a better description.

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17th, 18th and 19th Battalions

though all three battalions of the King's Regiment moved forward and at night the 17th were in position north of Dickebusch, the 18th at Ottawa Camp, and the 19th at Dominion Camp. On the 26th the King's men again moved up to positions of readiness near Dickebusch, but at night returned to their separate camps.

Kemmel Hill was lost by the French in this battle. The King's men of the 89th Brigade were not, however, engaged, though, according to the despatches, other troops of the 30th Division saw heavy fighting.

THE BATTLE OF THE SCHERPENBERG, 29TH APRIL

We left the 17th, 18th and 19th Battalions of the King's Regiment back in their camps on the night of the 26th of April. On the morning of the 27th the G.O.C., 21st Division, visited Headquarters, 89th Brigade, and gave verbal instructions for the relief of the 39th Composite Brigade, then in the line about Voormezeele. During the afternoon the C.O.s and Os.C., Companies, reconnoitred the line and at night battalions moved up to relieve the 39th Composite Brigade.

The relief was completed early on the morning of the 28th.

18th Battalion 28th April

The 18th King's went into the line on the right and the 19th on the left. The 18th took over a line running roughly from Elzenwalle to Ridge Wood: this line was between Voormezeele and Dickebusch Lake. The 19th King's, on the left of the 18th, were apparently between Voormezeele and Kruisstraathoek. The 17th Battalion, as far as can be gathered from the diary of Brigade Headquarters, went into the line Convent Lane to Voormezeele defences, *i.e.* on the left of the 19th Battalion. On the left of the 17th other troops held the line from Convent Lane to Lock 8, Ypres–Comines Canal.

During the 28th local fighting took place in the neighbourhood of Voormezeele. At about 1 p.m. the troops on the left of the 89th Brigade front, *i.e.* from Convent Lane to Lock 8, were violently attacked and the enemy penetrated the line. For five hours there was a desperate struggle between the enemy and the left of the 17th King's, and the C.O. of the latter ordered his reserve company to make a counter-attack at 7.45 p.m. to restore the situation. But ten minutes before the attack was due, the enemy put down a very heavy barrage and the counter-attack was unable to proceed. This bombardment lasted until 10.30 p.m. and, all hope of making the counter-attack having been abandoned, the 17th King's formed a defensive flank on their left.

Neither the 18th nor 19th King's were attacked during the 28th, and both battalions were able to turn their attention to the improvement of the defences.

Just after 3 a.m. on the 29th a bombardment of exceptional intensity and violence was opened by the enemy, and two hours later a series of strong attacks were launched against the French and British positions from west of Dranoutre to Voormezeele.

17th Battalion 29th April

The narrative of the 17th King's of this attack is brief: their line was forced back to "G.H.Q.1" where "I reorganised and held on to the position. The

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enemy got through on both flanks, practically surrounding two of my companies. 'A' Company was actually surrounded and captured, after severe fighting."[1]

19th Battalion

The 19th King's tell the story of the enemy's violent attack in the following narrative: "At 3 a.m. the enemy opened up a very heavy bombardment of high-explosive and gas shells on our covering artillery and at 6 a.m. launched a powerful attack, smothering our outpost line, but failing to pierce the battalion front, being repulsed with heavy loss. At 8 a.m. the enemy again attacked but was repulsed. Many casualties were caused to him during the day, as numbers of the enemy were picked off as they endeavoured to get back to their own lines. Our casualties were: Captain E. B. Hough missing,[2] Second/Lieut. W. Munro killed, twelve other ranks killed, twenty-eight wounded, thirteen other ranks missing."

18th Battalion

The 18th King's also refer to the extreme violence of the enemy's artillery fire, his guns bombarding the whole battle front from the front-line trenches to a depth of over a mile. All telephone wires were cut but "stout-hearted runners from the companies kept Battalion Headquarters in touch with the situation."

Yet despite the savage hail of shell to which they had been subjected, when the enemy advanced the King's men gave him a warm reception. So warm, indeed, that only in one spot did he manage to obtain a footing in the line, but even here his triumph was short lived, as the battalion narrative shows:—

"This (the one spot) was on No. 4 Company's frontage, near Ridge Wood, where a party of about twenty Boche occupied one of our posts. Company Sergt.-Major Sutton of No. 1 Company, with magnificent gallantry, at once rushed upon them and, single-handed, bombed them from our line, killing and wounding several, and putting the remainder to flight."

Lewis-gun and rifle fire eventually forced the enemy to abandon his attempt to capture the trenches of the 18th King's. But throughout the day shell-fire was heavy. When darkness had fallen parties of Pioneers and Royal Engineers came up and worked on the damaged trenches and wire.

30th April

On the 30th the situation is described as "quiet." Only in front of the 17th Battalion small parties of the enemy at various times during the day crept forward with machine-guns, but were immediately engaged by Lewis-gun and rifle-fire, and their attempts were frustrated.[3]

1st May

On the 1st of May the 89th Brigade was relieved, and moved back to between Ouderdom and Busseboom.

The Battles of the Lys were over and, just as on the Somme in March

[1] Battalion Diary, 17th King's Regiment.

[2] Subsequently reported killed 29/4/28.

[3] The 17th King's record their casualties during the operations 27th–30th April as 17 other ranks killed, 80 wounded, 177 missing. In officers their losses were Capt. R. H. Bloore, Second-Lieut. T. Harrop killed, Lieut. H. Meyer wounded, Second-Lieut. A. H. Ellis missing, Lieut. E. S. Ashcroft wounded and missing, but he was afterwards reported as having died of wounds in German hands, 12/5/18. The 18th Battalion, between the 27th of April and the 2nd of May (inclusive) had 1 officer (Second-Lieut. R. W. Sparks) and 23 other ranks killed, and 71 wounded.

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the gallant Third and Fifth Armies had fought a greatly superior enemy to a standstill, so on the Lys in April the First and Second Armies had entirely broken the power of the German advance. In the Lys battles it is well to remember that, of the total twenty-five British divisions employed against forty-two German divisions, seventeen had already taken a prominent part in the Somme operations and were battle-worn and weak in numbers, whereas the enemy's divisions were composed of fresh troops.

Never, indeed, had the British soldier fought more grandly than on the Somme in March and on the Lys in April, 1918.

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CHAPTER XL

THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DEFENCE

THE German attacks having broken down on the Lys, there followed a period which Sir Douglas Haig refers to as that of an "Active Defence." By this means the British line was to be preserved unbroken, while affording rest and training to all divisions. The breaches in our successive defensive systems made by the German advance were to be closed and filled.

The three months which followed—May, June and July—therefore, "though full of incident of a minor character, in which the different troops concerned showed great gallantry and skill, can be dealt with comparatively shortly."[1]

Behind the lines intense activity prevailed, while in the front-line trenches harassing tactics by all arms not only kept alive the fighting spirit of our troops, but inflicted on the enemy considerable and serious losses; their loss was particularly heavy in the Lys Salient, where German troops were crowded together in an exposed area.

Of minor operations during these three months there were many, in some of which battalions of the King's Regiment were involved. Compared with the great battles which began in August, preceding the final defeat of the enemy, these small operations were not of much importance and can be dealt with briefly.

1st Battalion 29th March

The 1st King's Regiment (Lieut.-Colonel D. M. Murray-Lyon), having passed through the storm of the German offensive on the Somme in March, was at Martinsort on the morning of the 29th of that month. The battalion could only muster twenty officers and 331 other ranks, and was sorely in need of reinforcements. But those which had arrived for the 2nd Division were formed into a Composite Battalion under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Murray-Lyon[2] and put in to hold the front line on the 31st, the King's being then in the Hedauville area. Early in April the 2nd Division was relieved and moved back for a week's training, returning again to the front line on the 11th to a sector south of Arras, the villages of Moyenneville, Hamelincourt and Boyelles (in the German lines) being opposite the divisional front.

11th April

In this new sector both the British and German defences were rugged and incomplete. In places the enemy's troops held their line in shell holes; our defences were very little better. Of communication trenches there were few. Sunken roads ran through the enemy's and our line. It was a sector

[1] Official despatches.

[2] On the 6th April Lieut.-Colonel Murray-Lyon was appointed to command the 2nd Highland Light Infantry. He was succeeded temporarily by Major W. C. Smith and the latter handed over command of the 1st King's to Major D. M. King on the 30th of April.

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admirably suited to raids and patrol fights, and soon both sides were engaged in raiding and patrolling, "first blood" falling to the enemy.

In the left sub-sector, taken over by the 6th Infantry Brigade, there was a sunken road running from Boyelles across No Man's Land to Boisleux St. Marc (in the 6th Brigade area). Down this road, early on the 16th of April, the enemy made a heavy raid upon the King's men, who had only a few hours previously taken over the trenches.

16th April

At 9 a.m. on the 16th the enemy heavily barraged the front-line trenches of the King's with "whizz-bangs," 4.2 in. and 5.9 in. shells; light and heavy trench-mortar bombs were also fired in large numbers. At 9.30 a.m. the bombardment lifted on to the support and reserve trenches. By this time the King's men had suffered serious casualties, including two company commanders.

The enemy then advanced rapidly in strength down the Boyelles–Boisleux St. Marc road, and a communication trench leading to an unoccupied trench running parallel with the King's front line. He penetrated the front line in four places and from these positions began bombing operations, soon establishing himself.

The Divisional Artillery had by this time opened fire and put down a very heavy barrage, causing heavy casualties among the enemy's reinforcements who were hurrying across the sunken road and communications.

By 10 a.m. the raiders were in possession of the strip of front line, between four and five hundred yards in length, but at the end of this strip the King's had built blocks and from these two points counter-attacked the enemy. On the right, "B" Company drove him out of the trench, whilst on the left (with the timely assistance of Canadians on the flank of the 2nd Division) some two hundred yards of the front line were recovered. Only three fire bays now remained in the hands of the enemy.

At about 11 a.m. the Germans made another attack up the sunken road towards the Picquet Line, but it was completely broken up by Lewis-gun and rifle-fire. By now, however, the left bombing party of the King's (under Second-Lieut. H. Foster) was very weak and began the formation of a block in the trench. Before it could be completed Second-Lieut. R. T. Symonds arrived with another party of eighteen men and the bombing fight was carried on. At 11.30 a.m. Second-Lieut. W. Wilson, with twenty-five men from "D" Company, came up and relieved Lieut. Symonds and his party.

A third attack was made by the enemy at 1.30 p.m., which succeeded in driving Second-Lieut. W. Wilson and his men back some two hundred yards. the officer being wounded.

At Battalion Headquarters doubt existed as to the exact position in the front line for, owing to the nature of the ground to be covered, no messages could be got through. The only way to the front line was from the support trenches along a sunken road and then down a forward slope for about 250 yards, with no cover and in full view of the enemy, who was sweeping the whole area with violent machine-gun fire. A small party had tried to get through, but the leader and another man were both killed. Single runners then made the attempt,

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but on each occasion the runner was killed in full view of the position from which he had started.

It was at this time that Private Jack Thomas Counter volunteered to obtain the necessary information. The story of this gallant man's devotion to duty was thus told in the *London Gazette:*—[1]

"Private Counter, who was near his officer at the time and had seen five runners killed one after the other, then volunteered to carry the message. He went out under terrific fire and succeeded in getting through. He then returned, carrying with him the vital information with regard to the estimated number of enemy in our line, the exact position of our flanks and the remaining strength of our troops. This information enabled his commanding officer to organise and launch the final counter-attack which succeeded in regaining the whole of our position.

"Subsequently this man carried back five messages across the open, under a heavy artillery barrage to Company Headquarters. Private Counter's extraordinary courage in facing almost certain death, because he knew that it was vital the message should be carried, produced a most excellent impression on his young and untried companions."[2]

Private Counter richly deserved the Victoria Cross, which was later awarded him, for his courage was beyond all praise.

Acting on the information gained by Counter, at 2.30 p.m. Second-Lieut. R. T. Symonds, with a platoon of "C" Company and one from "A" Company, together with a platoon of South Staffords, reinforced the front line and a counter-attack was made. Finally, at 3.15 p.m., Capt. E. R. Mace and Capt. J. A. Armstrong, with twenty other ranks, arrived.

A little later the enemy began to dribble back to his own front line, heavy toll being taken of him as he retired. By 6.30 p.m. the whole line had been restored and all the posts re-established. Two machine-guns and four wounded prisoners were taken, while eight dead Germans were left behind in the front-line trench. The enemy had been able to carry off most of his dead and wounded.

The King's lost in this affair one officer (Second-Lieut. G. P. Williams) and seventeen other ranks killed, four died of wounds, two officers (Second-Lieuts. H. P. Purdon and W. Wilson) and sixty-one other ranks wounded, and twenty missing.

The battalion was relieved later by the 17th Royal Fusiliers and moved back to Blairville into brigade reserve.

Congratulations were received from the G.O.sC. 2nd Division and 6th Brigade, on the "excellent day's fighting of the Battalion."[3]

[1] The *London Gazette* of the 22nd of May, 1918. For citation see Appendix.

[2] The "young and untried companions" refer to the new reinforcements, who had only just arrived and had had no experience of fighting.

[3] On the 23rd the Battalion Diary records the award of the Military Medal to the following N.C.O.s and men for gallantry and devotion to duty: Company Quartermaster-Sergt. J. Winrow, Corporal R. Evans, Sergeant A. Willis, L/Cpl. W. Strong, Private P. Parker, Private J. Hough, L/Cpl. J. R. L. Jones, Private J. Schofield, Private A. Birch, Private G. Yates, Private V. Holland, L/Cpl. J. McLean and L/Cpl. A. Ogden.

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This raid was the first made by, or on, the enemy during the next few months, for identifications were constantly required in order to keep G.H.Q.
26th April aware of the enemy's movements. On the 26th the enemy again raided the King's. The battalion was then in the line in front of Boyelles.

After a violent bombardment, from 9.10 a.m. until 11.30 a.m., the enemy attacked up three saps along the battalion front. As the bombardment had been heaviest at the junction of these saps and the front line, the troops had been withdrawn to the flanks at these points. Lewis-gun fire first disorganised the enemy, who attacked with about ninety men. Then, when he got into the trench and began to bomb each flank, the King's men, who had been waiting for him, ready organised, counter-attacked. By 11.35 a.m. the enemy had been driven helter-skelter out of the trench and by 11.45 a.m. from the saps, back to his own lines.

The King's had one officer (Second-Lieut. A. E. Fordyce) and eleven other ranks wounded; the enemy's casualties were unknown as they were carried away.

For the remainder of April the line was comparatively quiet.[1]

May was a noisy month—shell-fire was heavy, for our guns were continually harassing the enemy and he replied vigorously. There is, however, little of outstanding importance to record from the diaries of the 1st Kings.[2]

Of June there is similarly little of importance in the battalion records, and
14th July not until the middle of July is there anything of real interest. On the 14th[3] of the latter month, however, the 1st King's had their revenge on the enemy for his raid in April, for at 11.30 p.m. "D" Company went "over the top," and carried out a most successful raid on the Boche.

The battalion went into the front line in the Ayette sub-sector on the 12th of July. The same night Capt. E. R. Mace, officers and N.C.O.s of "D" Company, with Sergeant W. Fraser and the Regimental Scouts, went out and reconnoitred the enemy's posts in No Man's Land in preparation for the raid. This reconnaissance was continued on the night of the 13th.

Orders were issued the same night; the objects of the raid were to secure identifications, gain information of the enemy's intentions and capture material; the strength of the raiding party was to be four officers and 136 other ranks, with eight Lewis-guns.

[1] On the 29th there is a further list of awards in the Battalion Diary:—Capt. R. Ward a second bar to his Military Cross, the Rev. D. W. Murray and Capt. J. A. Armstrong bars to their Military Crosses, Second-Lieuts. R. H. Harrison and H. G. Thorpe the Military Cross, Sergeant M. Ryan the D.C.M. The following were awarded the Military Medal: Sergeant W. Ashworth, L/Cpl. W. Lowery, Sergeant J. Leybourne, Private H. Birch, Private J. Duckworth. The Croix de Guerre (French) was awarded to Private G. Downward.

[2] Awards in May were: D.C.M. to Corporal G. Donald; M.C. to Second-Lieut. R. T. Symonds; D.C.M. to Sergt. S. Taylor, Private B. Bradley and Private M. Long; D.S.O. to Major H. J. Duff, Lovat's Scouts, attached 1st King's Regiment.

[3] On this date the Battalion Diary records the award of the Military Service Medal to Sergeant F. Saul.

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Gone were the days when raids were of a rough-and-ready nature. They were now highly-organised affairs, carefully practised, every officer and man being specially instructed in the part he was to play during the approach to the enemy's positions and in the attack.

The raiders were to be supported by six batteries of 18-pdr. guns, three 4.5 in. howitzer batteries, and two trench-mortar batteries.

So accurate had our artillery-fire become that it is stated in orders: "The jumps in barrage will enable raiding sections to close in on the flanks of enemy posts," and so confident were the infantry in their artillery that the closing-in was done without fear of suffering casualties from the fire of their own guns.

The raiders were to consist of two groups, each of four rifle sections and two Lewis-gun sections.

The instructions for the raid are minute and cannot all be quoted, but everyone was warned that "the success of the whole operation will depend on absolute silence being maintained. Coughing and sneezing must be stifled."

In accordance with orders, one hour before "Zero" (11.30 p.m.) the rifle sections, who were already in their assembly positions in the outpost line, began to creep forward to their places of deployment in No Man's Land. This operation occupied a full hour, for to conceal the movement of practically a whole company of men out in front of the trenches was no easy matter in the face of a usually very alert enemy. The men carried only rifle and bayonet and bandolier; officers were armed with revolvers only. All wore Balaclava caps in place of steel helmets.

Twenty minutes before "Zero" the Lewis-gun sections moved forward to positions in echelon on the flanks of the rifle sections.

At "Zero" the guns opened with "intense" fire on the enemy's outpost positions. At "Zero" plus one minute the guns lifted to two hundred yards beyond the outpost line.

"The lift for two hundred yards at 'Zero' plus one," states the narrative, "was pronounced and strikingly co-ordinated by the artillery. Every gun and mortar appeared to stop and lift together. The raiders rushed the posts from their lying-up positions on the flanks without any hesitation. Nine prisoners were secured and nine more dead were seen in the posts. There were probably many more, but the night was too dark to see far."

One officer (Second-Lieut. H. Foster) slightly wounded, one other rank seriously wounded, and five with small wounds only, were the casualties suffered by the raiders. The enemy appeared to be completely surprised and his artillery retaliation was negligible, for his guns were smothered by counter-battery fire, in which the Corps "heavies" took a hand.

This highly-successful raid was due to excellent preparation under Capt. E. R. Mace, who had first spent two nights in No Man's Land, reconnoitring the enemy's positions, and then led two sections in the raid with great dash and pluck.

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The King's were congratulated by the Army, Corps and Divisional Commanders, and many recommendations for awards were made.[1]

29th July — On the 29th of July the battalion again raided the enemy. "A" Company (under Captain E. Beesley) carried out the operation.

The method of procedure in this raid was almost the same as that on the 14th of July.

"The assembly in No Man's Land took an hour. Platoons and sections were kept together under their own leaders. A total of 132 all ranks went 'over the top' and crawled forward in groups with blackened faces and luminous buttons. The enemy failed to discover these groups. At 'Zero' the barrages fell with a crash, the khaki arm bands, covering the white arm bands (worn for identification purposes) were torn off and the raiders, who were close in to the gaps, rushed the enemy posts from the flank at 'Zero' plus one."

Seven prisoners (including a sergt.-major) were captured, but (it is grimly reported) "one gave trouble and was left in No Man's Land."

Unfortunately the King's lost one officer (Second-Lieut. Ellis) and two other ranks killed; nine were slightly wounded.[2]

Yet a third raid was being decreed early in August when, on the 4th, the battalion moved up into the front line south of Adineer Wood and relieved the 17th Royal Fusiliers.

The fourth anniversary of the War seems to have passed unnoticed—perhaps it was because practically all of the officers and the majority of other ranks were new to the battalion which, at this period, numbered but a handful of the original men of the 1st King's who were at Mons in August, 1914.

7th August — On the 7th of August the King's were still in the front line.

4th Battalion — The 4th King's (Lieut.-Colonel S. E. Norris), having reached Boeschepe on the 19th of April, were to billet in the Bavinchove area on the following day.

21st April — On the 21st an interesting incident took place, which the Battalion Diary thus records: "Division, consisting of the remnants of 4th The King's, 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Pioneers, Royal Engineers and R.A.M.C., under the command of the Divisional Commander, were inspected by M. Clemenceau, the French Prime Minister, at Les Trois Bois, Bavinchove."

"The remnants"—all that were left of a gallant division. But victory had been theirs—they had held up the enemy, they, and the dead!

Other moves took place during the remainder of April, and the much-needed reinforcements began to arrive, 240 marching in on the last day of the month. On the 18th of May the battalion was at "Dirty Bucket Camp," north-east of Poperinghe, from which place working parties were supplied for the forward area. It was while returning with one of the working parties that

18th May

[1] Later (in August) Capt. Mace, Lieut. H. Foster and Second-Lieut. J. Shoreman were awarded the Military Cross; Sergeant W. Fraser was awarded a bar to his D.C.M.

[2] In August, Capt. F. Beesley and Second-Lieuts. A. L. Kirkaldy and J. T. Walker were awarded the Military Cross; Private J. R. Coyne was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

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Second-Lieut. R. W. Whitrod was killed by a shell, which also wounded eight other ranks.

The diary for the 29th records the award of the Military Cross to Captain R. D. Mackinnon, R.A.M.C. (the battalion Medical Officer), and Second-Lieuts. H. R. Anderson and E. Capstick.

10th June

On the 10th of June the battalion went into the front line again, taking over the right sub-sector—Canal Sector—from the 9th Highland Light Infantry. Second-Lieut. H. R. Anderson was wounded on the 13th. The remainder of June and the whole of July were without incident of outstanding importance. Capt. N. S. Millican was wounded on the 29th of July. On the 6th of August the 4th King's sent a detachment to La Lovie Château for inspection by H.M. the King. The battalion was then at Knollys Farm, in Divisional Reserve.

6th August

The four battalions of the regiment in the 55th Division were last mentioned on the 12th/13th of April.

1/5th, 1/6th, and 1/7th Battalions 15th April

The 1/5th, 1/6th and 1/7th were relieved from the line on the 15th, the first-named battalion moving back to Camblain Chatelaine, the other two to Auchel. All had lost heavily. The 1/5th do not state their casualties; the 1/6th had three officers (Capt. A. E. Jones, Lieut. C. E. Smith and Second-Lieut. H. Fitzgerald) and thirty other ranks killed, four officers and 137 other ranks wounded, ten died of wounds and thirteen missing; the losses of the 1/7th are not given in the records. Towards the end of April the 165th Brigade again returned to the front line, taking over the Festubert sector from the 166th Brigade on the 27th of April.

2/10th Battalion

The 1/10th King's, of the 166th Brigade, were also relieved on the night of the 15th–16th April and proceeded to Beuvry. Their rest out of the line was short, for on the 21st they again went into the front line about Gorre. On the 22nd the enemy captured Route "A" Keep. On the 23rd the 2/10th King's joined the 1/10th and were amalgamated with the latter; on the same day the award of the Military Cross to Second-Lieut. G. N. Rome is announced.

14th April

On the 24th, at 4 a.m., "X" Company, with one platoon of "Z" Company, successfully attacked Route "A" Keep and recaptured it, together with eleven prisoners and five machine guns. During the night of the 25th the battalion was relieved by troops of the 46th Division, but only moved back to reserve positions. Route "A" Keep was reported as again lost on the 26th. On the 27th/28th the 1/10th were relieved and moved back to Labourse.

The official amalgamation of the 2/10th with the 1/10th took place on the 30th, when eighteen officers and 299 other ranks of the former battalion were transferred to the latter. A training staff was also formed from the two battalions of nine officers and forty-nine other ranks for the American Army. The surplus personnel of the 2/10th were then disbanded and split up amongst other units.

The losses of the 1/10th had been heavy during April: Captain H. Mackay, Second-Lieuts. T. J. Price, H. R. Creighton, J. K. Thurlow, J. E. Moffat and eighty-one other ranks were killed, seven officers and 177 other ranks were wounded, and five other ranks missing.

Between the beginning of May and the first week in August the 55th

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Division was not engaged in any attack on, or by, the enemy. The utmost vigilance was necessary, and every indication of the moving of hostile troops was promptly dealt with by our artillery. The Lys Salient, into which the enemy had crowded his troops as a result of his advance in April, was to prove (to him) a death trap. Night and day the harassing fire of the British guns took toll of his troops, and in the aggregate his casualties were very considerable.

The front-line troops patrolled No Man's Land continually, taking every opportunity of causing their opponents loss and discomfort. And, as first June and then July came round, they raided the enemy's trenches frequently, seldom coming back empty-handed, or without gleaning some useful information concerning the enemy's dispositions and the state of his defences.

Along the 55th Divisional front the first thing, as Sir Douglas Haig said, was to "close the breaches" made in our line.

For just over three months, therefore, alternating with short periods of rest and training out of the line, the four battalions of the King's Regiment in the 55th Division were far from idle and, although the diaries record frequently "situation normal," that does not mean that there was "nothing doing."

1/5th Battalion

The 1/5th King's (Lieut.-Colonel J. J. Shute commanding) began May in the right of the Festubert Sector, but moved on the 2nd to the Givenchy right sector. Violent "strafes" by the enemy with gas shells are recorded during the first three weeks, to which our guns retaliated with interest. But,

1st June

beyond plenty of work, there is little to record of May. The 1st of June found the battalion out of the line, at Vaudricourt, though that night the King's moved back to support in the Festubert Sector. They moved up to the front line on the 8th, and the following day the enemy again heavily bombarded the sector with gas shells, the King's losing eighty other ranks, who had been evacuated "gassed." "Working parties" now appear often in the diaries. July opened noisily. On the 1st the enemy opened a vigorous bombardment with 4.7 in. and 5.9 in. guns, but our "heavies" retaliated heavily. This sort of thing went on day by day, our guns giving always more than they received.

18th July

On the 18th, Second-Lieut. Riley took out a patrol with the idea of obtaining an identification, but was unsuccessful, and he was brought in wounded. A more successful attempt was made on the 1st of August by Second-Lieut. Law, Sergt. Kirkham and Corporal Asquith. These three went out on a daylight patrol at 12.30 p.m. to Festubert East; they returned with three prisoners, having killed another German who had refused to surrender. Thereafter daylight and night patrols were very frequent, and on the 6th Sergeant Williams, of "B" Company," brought in another prisoner from New Rose Sap. That

1st August

night the 1/5th were relieved and moved back to Givenchy support sector.

1/6th Battalion
9th June

There is little to record of the 1/6th King's (Lieut.-Colonel J. D. McKaig) until the 9th of June when (the battalion being in the Givenchy Sector), like the 1/5th, they suffered heavily from the enemy's bombardment, no less than eighty-six other ranks having to be sent to hospital.

On the 14th of June the battalion raided the enemy. The raiding party was under Second-Lieut. J. F. Lowe and consisted of three N.C.O.s and thirty-four

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other ranks. Two prisoners were taken, but one other rank was killed, and Lieut. Lowe and another man wounded. On the 1st of July a patrol, consisting of Second-Lieut. Cole, two N.C.O.s and one other rank, went out from Givenchy Road Sap, but were heavily bombed from a German post and only one N.C.O. returned. Company Sergt.-Major Chadwick, of the rescuing patrol, which was also driven back, went out alone to bring the bodies in, but could not reach them, the enemy's fire being too heavy.

On the 7th of August the 1/6th were in the left sub-sector of the Givenchy Sector. — 7th August

With the exception of records of reliefs, the diaries of the 1/7th King's (Lieut.-Colonel C. K. Potter) contain practically no information, the battalion, like the 1/5th, being in the Givenchy trenches on the 7th August. — 1/7th Battalion

The 1/10th (Service) Battalion (Lieut.-Colonel D. C. D. Munro commanding) began May in camp at Vaudricourt, but the month was uneventful. The June diary is similarly without special interest. On the 1st of July, Second-Lieut. A. T. C. Myles took out a patrol from the Le Plantin sector and encountered a strong hostile party; an exchange of rifle-fire took place and, on the patrol returning, Second-Lieut. Myles was found to be missing; he was subsequently reported killed. These patrols were frequent, varying degrees of success meeting their efforts. On the 29th, Second-Lieut. Rathbone, in charge of a daylight patrol, penetrated the enemy's day-post line. An attempt to rush the post failed, but one German was killed; the patrol then returned safely. The same officer took out another daylight patrol on the 7th of August, north of Cailloux, but could not penetrate the enemy's wire. — 1/10th Battalion; 1st July; 7th August

The 57th Division was not engaged either in the Somme or in the Lys offensives, and from the early days of April to the beginning of July held trenches in the neighbourhood of Gommecourt and Fonquevillers.

The 171st Brigade was still formed of the 2/6th, 2/7th and 8th Battalions of the King's Regiment, commanded respectively by Lieut.-Colonel W. A. L. Fletcher, Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Baines and Lieut.-Colonel C. C. Heath. — 2/6th, 2/7th, and 8th Battalions

If the division, however, had not been through the "rough-and-tumble" of the great German attack, it was kept continually on the *qui vive*, for General Headquarters had issued all sorts of warnings and instructions against further attacks. A flow of literature in the form of "Defence Schemes" now enveloped all units, one frequently superseding the other within a few hours of issue.

The 2/6th King's arrived at Pas on the 16th of April, and immediately began to furnish working parties for the "Red Line" and other sections of the forward area, but not until the 6th of May[1] did the battalion take over front-line trenches between Biez Wood and Rossignol Wood. Patrols and scouts began their work at once, and on the 9th Sergeant Corkhill won the Military Medal for good work in reconnoitring a hostile post. — 2/6th Battalion 16th April

On the 16th of June (the battalion then holding trenches east of Gommecourt) the enemy raided a post of the 2/6th. On this date also Lieut. K. H. — 16th June

[1] On the 2nd of May Lieut.-Colonel Fletcher was awarded the Legion d'Honneur (Chevalier).

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Burton was mortally wounded while on patrol and could not be brought in; he died later. On the 20th the battalion raided the enemy, capturing a prisoner and a machine-gun.

Early in July the 52nd Division moved north and took over a sector east of Arras, though it was the 1st of August before the 2/6th took over support trenches in the Fampoux sub-sector. On the 23rd of July, to everyone's regret, Lieut.-Colonel W. A. L. Fletcher proceeded to England, broken in health, and Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. N. C. Gathorne assumed command of the battalion.

2/7th Battalion 5th April

The 2/7th King's had arrived at Mondicourt on the 5th of April, moved to Behuval on the 8th, to Authie on the 13th and Pas on the 16th. In the latter village they stayed until the 6th of May, when the battalion took over the right sub-sector of the brigade front line. Heavy rain fell during the relief, and the Battalion Diary reports that the "trenches, with one exception, were a foot-and-a-half deep in mud and water." But two days later, under bright sunshine, the trenches began to dry rapidly. Relieved on the 13th of May and marching to Coigneux, the 2/7th moved first to reserve trenches in Gommecourt Wood on the 21st, and thence to the front line of the Gommecourt sector on the night of the 29th/30th.

1st June

At 1.10 a.m. on the 1st of June the enemy put down a very heavy barrage along the whole brigade front, which continued until about 2.45 a.m. Half-an-hour later two separate parties of Germans approached Posts 1 and 2, throwing stick and smoke bombs. But they were hung up by wire and dispersed by Lewis-gun and rifle-fire, leaving a wounded prisoner in our hands and several dead lying out in No Man's Land. This repulse appeared to annoy the enemy considerably, who again barraged the whole of the front-line posts until "dealt with" by the Divisional Artillery. During another tour in the line Second-Lieut. W. P. Smart went out on patrol in Rossignol Wood on the night of the 16th of June; he was wounded and, apparently, captured by the enemy as he was later reported "missing."

The Battalion Diary for the 24th of June records the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to Company Sergt.-Majors R. Bolan and Ridyard, and Company Quarter-Master Sergt. S. Buckley.

27th June

On the 27th of June the Divisional Artillery gave the Boche a severe gruelling; 12 in., 9.2 in., 6 in., 4.5 in., and 18-pdrs. poured a continuous stream of shell on to the hostile trenches in Rossignol Wood throughout the day and evening. Three patrols of the 2/7th, which went out at 10.15 p.m., found a number of German dead; the enemy's strong points had entirely disappeared and his trenches were "blotted out." The enemy's retaliation was fairly heavy, but no casualties were suffered from it by the 2/7th.

2nd July

On the 2nd of July the battalion marched to Louvencourt, and moved to Couin Wood on the 15th. In the latter camp the better part of July passed busily in drill and training. Thence on the 20th the battalion marched to Agnez les Duisans *en route* for Arras, reaching the latter place the following day.

7th August

On the 7th of August the 2/7th King's were in Victory Camp, Arras.

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8th Battalion 6th May

The 8th King's (Liverpool Irish) gave little time to their Diary. On the 6th of May they were in brigade support when they worked on the forward trenches, having three other ranks killed and thirty-two wounded before they moved back to the Château de La Haie Switch. On the 21st they went into the front line, reporting that "vigorous patrolling of No Man's Land and enemy posts was carried out during the whole tour." In the second tour, from the 1st to the 7th of June, Second-Lieut. L. H. Blate was killed, Second-Lieut. J. Moran died, and Second-Lieut. M. J. Moyniham died of wounds.

7th August

When the 57th Division moved up to Arras the 8th King's, on the 31st of July, took over front-line trenches at Fampoux, which they were still holding on the 7th of August.

9th Battalion 15th April

The 9th King's (Lieut.-Colonel F. M. Drew) of the 172nd Brigade, arrived at Henu on the 15th of April and began training immediately, and continued until the 5th of May, when the battalion moved up to Gomiecourt Wood as reserve battalion of the Divisional right sub-sector. Working parties were then supplied; they were needed for reclaiming trenches, digging communications and reclaiming unused dug-outs. On the 11th/12th of May the Boche heavily shelled the area with gas shells, the King's men sustaining about twenty-four casualties.

On the night of the 14th/15th the battalion went into the front line. Vigorous patrolling began as soon as the battalion was in the line. On the 19th a small daylight patrol, consisting of three, under Lieut. A. T. Barker, bumped into a strong enemy post and obtained an indentification. But the post was too heavily wired and was held by a strong garrison. In the fight which ensued casualties were inflicted on the enemy, the King's men having only one man slightly wounded.

21st May

On the 21st another small fighting patrol, led by Lieut. Parkes, went into Rossignol Wood and was not long before it was engaged in sharp fighting, but no identifications were obtained. A few days later the 9th were relieved and went back to reserve positions, but on the 7th/8th of June again took over front-line trenches; this tour was uneventful. On the 6th, Lieut.-Colonel F. M. Drew was invalided to England and Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Ball assumed command.

1st July

On the night of the 1st of July the 9th King's were relieved and moved to Authie, where almost the whole of the month was spent, the battalion marching to Warluzel on th: 29th and then to Arras, where billets in cellars were obtained on the 31st. On the 1st of August the King's men moved to Wakefield and Collingwood Camps and were still located there on the 7th.

1st August

The 2/10th King's (as already stated) had been amalgamated with the 1/10th Battalion in April. Their training cadre was then transferred to the 47th Brigade (16th Division) on the 30th of April, to the 34th Division on the 17th of June, to the 39th Division on the 29th of June, and finally disbanded on the 3rd of August.

In May another gallant battalion of the Regiment—the 11th King's—the Pioneers of the 14th Division, disappeared from the active list.

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11th Battalion 27th March

The 11th Battalion was last mentioned on the 27th of March as having arrived at Rémy where they billeted for one night, continuing their march on the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, and reaching Wavignies on the latter date. By the 3rd of April the Pioneers had moved to Boves, but the same afternoon marched to Aubigny, near Corbie.

4th April

On the 4th of April the enemy had made a final attempt on the Somme to prevent the British and French lines becoming stabilised. On that day he attacked south of the river, and on the 5th north of it. Both attacks failed to achieve the results aimed at.

The Pioneers were ordered, at 10 a.m. on the 4th, to move to the high ground north-east of Villers-Bretonneux, under the 43rd Brigade. The battalion then had a strength of 270, all ranks. For the remainder of the day the Pioneers were hard at work digging trenches and rifle pits. Two other ranks were killed during the day, Lieut. J. W. Pyman and eleven other ranks were wounded. The 5th was spent in the same position under very heavy shell fire. On the 6th the Pioneers came out of the line and marched back to Aubigny. On the 10th the battalion marched to Saleux and entrained for Gamaches. From the latter place they moved, on the 11th, to Eu and entrained for Hesdin. Finally, on the 15th of April, the King's men reached billets at Mollinghem, where the three Brigades of the 14th Division were reorganised as one Brigade (43rd) of four battalions, the 11th King's forming one. The latter received reinforcements of two officers and 218 other ranks from the 9th Rifle Brigade and 10th Gloucesters, and from that date became an infantry battalion.

On the 16th the King's supplied a working party for digging a G.H.Q. line of defence east of the Hazebroucke-Lillers Railway, and until the 20th were engaged on this work.

27th April

On the 27th their Diary records the end of the battalion as follows: "The battalion, less a battalion training staff of ten officers and fifty-two retained for training American troops, went by rail to Etaples from Berquette as a draft, thirteen officers and 640 other ranks. The training staff and transport intact remain at Malinghem awaiting orders."

Thus the 11th King's (Pioneers) were disbanded. On the 2nd of May the training cadre moved to Clenleu, and on the 22nd to Torcy. In June the 14th Division (which also had been reduced to training cadre strength) returned to England, the cadre of the 11th King's being absorbed by the 15th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

The 11th King's served their country well for, though Pioneers, they had at times (as their records show) fought most gallantly.

12th Battalion 31st March

The 12th King's, on the 31st of March, were holding positions about two hundred yards from Hanguard, about three or four miles south of Villers-Bretonneux. Their Diary for the 1st of April gives the battalion's losses between the 21st of March and the 2nd of April inclusive; their C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel A. N. Vince) and Capt. J. H. Carefull had been killed; Capt. A. T. Rice-Jones had died of wounds. Eleven officers had been wounded, the Adjutant—Capt. J. E. B. Plumme—and four other officers were missing. In

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other ranks, fifteen were known to have been killed, 142 wounded, 216 missing, and thirteen wounded and missing.

A series of moves during April brought the battalion to Camblain L'Abbaye on the 30th. On the 13th Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Compton-Smith joined the battalion and assumed command.

The 20th Division was now in the Lens area, and on the 1st of May the 12th King's went into the front line, relieving Canadian troops. 1st May

Little of importance happened during the remainder of May, but on the 31st the Battalion Diary records that effective strength was thirty-seven officers and 919 other ranks.

June was similarly quiet, the battalion spending the month in the Lieven–Souchez–Lens area. On the 21st of July the battalion raided the enemy's positions at Fosse St. Louis, but the Boche defences were very strong and no prisoners were taken. One officer, Second-Lieut. W. G. Hughes (of whom the report states "he led his platoon most gallantly and reached the southern slope of the Fosse, when he fell, riddled with bullets"), and one man were killed; Second-Lieut. Brewer and six men were wounded and one man was missing. 21st July

On the 7th of August the battalion was in Corps Reserve at Alberta Camp, Souchez. 7th August

The 13th King's (3rd Division) remained billeted at Annezin from the 18th of April until the 23rd, and then returned to the front line. Barring shell fire, this tour was uneventful, and on the 1st of May the battalion was back again in Annezin. On the 4th the Diary contains mention of the award of the D.S.O. to Lieut.-Colonel T. B. Lawrence (C.O.) and Major J. D. Atkinson; Bar to Military Cross to Capt. F. Aked Sellers; the Military Cross to Capts. E. A. M. Cleveland and G. T. Hick, and to Second-Lieuts. G. Carson and W. F. Galley. 13th Battalion

On the 22nd the 13th King's also raided the enemy. The battalion was then holding the right sub-sector front north of the La Bassée Canal. The raiding party consisted of three officers and fifty other ranks—"all volunteers." Two prisoners were captured and several other Germans killed at the cost of two men slightly wounded.[1] On the 31st the Military Cross was awarded to Second-Lieut. F. D. Bartley. 22nd May

The battalion on the 1st of June was at Chocques, returning to the front line on the 4th. On the 6th the enemy attempted to raid the King's men, but were repulsed with rifle and Lewis-gun fire. L/Cpl. P. Grindley was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous conduct during the repulse of this raid. The Diary also records the award of the Military Medal to Privates S. Walker and D. Kirk for gallantry in bringing in a wounded officer under severe machine-gun fire. There is nothing to record for July. On the 4th of August the 13th 6th June

[1] For conspicuous gallantry during this raid Capt. R. J. Barrett was awarded the Military Cross, Sergeant A. Hodkin and Corporal C. N. Mitchell a bar to their Military Medals, and Sergeant V. White, Privates F. Reardon and W. Hewitson the Military Medal.

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King's marched to Raimbert where billets were taken over preparatory to a course of training. On the 7th of August the battalion was still in this area.

7th August

17th, 18th, and 19th Battalions 1st May

The 17th, 18th and 19th Battalions of the regiment, forming the 89th Brigade (30th Division) had, on the night of the 1st–2nd of May, reached an area between Ouderdom and Busseboom where they went into camps. This was the last occasion on which these three battalions constituted the 89th Brigade. Orders had gone forth that the brigade, with the 21st Composite Brigade, was to be reorganised into one brigade under the command of Brigadier-General R. A. M. Currie, and known as the 30th (Composite) Brigade. It was to be formed as follows: the 17th King's, who were to absorb all the available fighting men of the 18th and 19th King's; the 2nd Green Howards, and 2nd Bedfords, who similarly absorbed other battalions.

17th (Composite) Battalion

The 17th (Composite) Battalion, King's Regiment, was made up of the following—17th Battalion, "A" Company; 18th Battalion, "B" Company; 19th Battalion, "C" Company. "D" Company was formed by elements of the three battalions. The 17th (Composite) Battalion was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel G. Rollo. On the 3rd of May it was in St. Lawrence Camp, engaged in reorganising and cleaning up. On formation the battalion strength was twenty-seven officers and 750 other ranks. All surplus troops from the three battalions were despatched to Buysscheure, to await further orders.

3rd May

The 17th (Composite) Battalion received orders on the 3rd of May to relieve the South African Brigade holding the Vierstraat sector on the night of the 5th/6th. The battalion was under the command of the 23rd Division.

The front line at this period ran from opposite (west of) Godstonne Farm, on the south, to the southern edge of Ridge Wood, north. The close support line ran from just south of, and through, Klein Vierstraat Cabaret to just east of Eksternest Farm. The support line was about half-way between the close support and reserve lines. The reserve line ran in front (east) of the Hallerast–La Clytte road. French troops were on the right of the 30th (Composite) Brigade and the 98th Brigade on the left.

The 17th (Composite) Battalion, King's Regiment, had taken over the reserve line, the 2nd Bedfords the right and the 2nd Green Howards the left sub-sectors respectively.

8th May

On the 6th and 7th of May the artillery fire of the opposing guns was heavy, the enemy using a large proportion of gas shells. At 3 a.m. on the 8th the hostile guns put down a very heavy high-explosive barrage along the front of the 30th (Composite) Brigade, and deluged the support and battery areas with gas shell.

At 7.30 a.m. the Germans attacked and succeeded in breaking through the French line, not far from the right of the 30th (Composite) Brigade. The right of the latter, thus uncovered, fell back to the close support line and the 2nd Green Howards, on the left, conformed. Later, it was reported that the enemy was also in possession of Ridge Wood, and that the 98th Brigade had thrown back its right flank (which, hitherto, had been east of the Wood) to south of Wiltshire Farm, thence to almost the south-eastern corner of

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Dickebusch Lake. Touch on this flank with the 98th Brigade had also been lost by the 2nd Green Howards.

Despite the fact that both flanks were open, the 30th (Composite) Brigade held gallantly to the close support line, the enemy not being able to press his advantage. The situation remained much the same throughout the day.

Later on, however, orders were received that a counter-attack, in conjunction with the French, was to be carried out by the 19th Brigade (of the 33rd Division). The 17th (Composite) Battalion, The King's, then moved two companies to the close support line and two to the support line.

All troops in the forward area, *i.e.* 2nd Bedfords, 2nd Green Howards and two companies of the 17th (Composite) Battalion, The King's, took part in the counter-attack, which was at first successful in retaking most of the lost line. But they had been through fighting during the day, had endured merciless shell fire, and were tired; so that when the Germans again launched a heavy attack the troops of the 30th (Composite) Brigade fell back once more to the close support line.

A small, though brilliant attack was carried out by the two companies of the 17th (Composite) Battalion, The King's, near Klein Vierstraat Cabaret. The King's also took one officer and six men prisoner.

On the night of the 10th the Composite Battalion was relieved and arrived at St. Lawrence Camp at 6 a.m. on the 11th. 10th May

This small action has been given, as it was the last occasion on which troops of the 17th, 18th and 19th King's fought side by side. For, from St. Lawrence Camp, the 17th (Composite) Battalion moved at 7.30 p.m. on the 11th to Buysscheure, where officers and men of the 18th and 19th King's, attached to the 17th Battalion for the formation of the Composite Battalion, returned to their original units.[1]

The casualties amongst other ranks of the Composite Battalion from the 1st to the 10th of May were seventeen killed, thirty-seven wounded, two gassed and 180 missing.

The 17th and 19th King's billeted in Buysscheure, and the 18th at Le Paradis. They were scarcely settled in their new quarters when they were informed of the impending reorganisation. The three battalions (like their Division) were to be reduced to training cadre and the surplus officers and men sent to the Base.

The cadres of the three battalions were to assist in training American troops.

On the 13th orders were issued for the withdrawal of all personnel not 13th May

[1] The casualties of the 17th King's, from the 1st to 11th of May inclusive, were: Lieut. E. S. Ashcroft died of wounds (prisoner-of-war), Captain N. Henry and Second-Lieut. D. H. Black killed. Other ranks—16 killed, 41 wounded, 19 missing. 18th Battalion—Lieut. J. A. Threlfall and Second-Lieut. Cafferata wounded, Second-Lieut. T. A. W. Dean died of wounds; other ranks—13 killed, 51 wounded, 8 missing; 19th Battalion—Second-Lieuts. E. Ansell, F. E. Sanders, C. E. Doar and W. B. Green wounded; other ranks—5 killed, 28 wounded, 5 missing. Lieut. J. A. Threlfall died of wounds on the 10th of May.

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required for the training cadre to the Base. On the 14th these left the Brigade and on the 15th the cadres moved by road and rail to Woincourt, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel G. Rollo. Thence, on the 16th, the 17th King's were moved to Meneslies to be affiliated to the 1/137th American Regiment, the 18th King's staying in Woincourt affiliated to the 2/137th American Regiment, while the 19th King's moved to Allenay for affiliation to the 3/137th American Regiment.

Thus passed from the active list for the time being the 89th Brigade of the 30th Division.[1]

The three gallant battalions, *i.e.* 17th, 18th and 19th, which had been specially recruited by Lord Derby, had served their country well. The officers and men who formed them were to go on serving her to the end of the War, but they were split up, sent here and there, and their fortunes are difficult to follow.

The 17th King's Training Cadre was transferred to the 66th Division on the 19th of June, to the 25th Division on the 30th of June, and then returned to England with the division to be reformed. But the battalion did not again return to France, for in October, the 17th King's left Glasgow, as part of the 236th Infantry Brigade, for the North Russian Expeditionary Force, of which more later.

The 18th King's Training Cadre was also transferred to the 66th Division on the 19th of June, but the battalion was re-formed in July and posted to the 197th Brigade, absorbing the 14th Battalion of the Regiment (which had come to France from Salonika) on the 13th of August. The title of the battalion was also slightly altered to 18th (Lancashire Hussar Yeomanry) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment). Lieut.-Colonel G. Rollo was in command.

The 19th King's were disbanded on the 31st of July. The battalion, after reduction to training cadre on the 14th of May, had been transferred with the 17th and 18th Battalions to the 66th Division on the 19th of June. From that date until the end of July they were engaged in training American troops, but from the 21st of July, expected orders for disbandment to arrive at any time. On the 31st the cadre joined the 14th King's, being absorbed later with that battalion by the 18th Battalion.

The May diary of the 18th King's contains particulars of the award of a second bar to the Military Cross already awarded to Lieut. A. F. Merry; and the Military Medal to Sergeant G. Thompson, Corporals E. Fisher, T. Saunder and A. Mayne, L/Cpl. J. Cowell and Privates H. Pemberton, J. L. Collins, R. Higgins, J. Carty, W. Hodgkins, C. Jones and A. Bibby. The diary of the 19th Battalion for the same month records the award of a bar to the D.S.O. previously awarded to Lieut.-Colonel G. Rollo and the Military Medal to Sergeants R. Kelly and F. S. Kunnersley.

25th Battalion 7th May

On the 7th of May the 25th "Garrison Guard" Battalion of the King's Regiment disembarked at Calais. There are no records of the formation of this

[1] The 30th Division, having been reduced to cadre strength in May, 1918, was reconstituted in late June, 1918, with battalions from other divisions, including five from Palestine.

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battalion, but apparently they were what was termed "low category" troops, *i.e.* unfit for the full rigours of active service on account of either age or owing to poor health.

The 25th Battalion, at a strength of thirty-seven officers and 1,062 other ranks, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Kay,[1] left Cromer on the 5th for Dover and embarked for France on the 6th. From Calais the battalion was sent to Bours and on the 10th to Estrée-Cauche, joining the 59th Division at the latter place.

In Estrée-Cauche the 25th King's remained until the 16th of June, digging being the battalion's chief work. But about the middle of June orders were received to move to Laires to form part of the 176th Brigade (59th Division). Unfortunately on arrival at Laires an epidemic of "P.U.O." broke out, practically the whole battalion being affected. Early in July, however, the epidemic abated and on the 3rd training was resumed. On the 8th a warning order was received to move to the Tangry area, and on the following day the battalion marched to Hestros. 16th June

Training was again resumed, and on the 20th of July the 25th King's sent two companies into the front line for instruction under the 1st Division. They were now known as the 25th Battalion King's Regiment, the title "Garrison Guard" having been dropped. On the 21st Lieut.-Colonel C. E. Lembeke arrived and assumed command, *vice* Lieut.-Colonel W. M. Hore. The 23rd of July found the battalion in Bretencourt under orders to move into the front line. 20th July

On the 25th, at 9.30 p.m., the King's men moved up to the trenches. They were shelled on the way up and suffered their first casualty, one man being wounded. On the 27th two officers (Second-Lieuts. F. G. Evans and F. P. Coates) were wounded, whilst Private W. Johnstone was killed—the first man to lose his life in the battalion. A patrol encounter took place on the 28th—the first time the 25th King's engaged the enemy.

There is nothing to record for the remainder of July and early August. On the 3rd of the latter month the battalion with the brigade moved by train to Bavincourt, and on the 7th was in billets in Barley. 7th August

Thus, of twenty-three battalions of the regiment, which had disembarked in France from the beginning of the War, only fifteen remained on the 7th of August 1918. The remainder had either been absorbed into other battalions or disbanded altogether.

[1] Major W. M. Hore assumed command on the 9th of May.

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CAPTAIN SYNGE'S PREFACE

THE completion of another man's work is an unenviable task, and I fear that the final chapters of this history will contain many shortcomings.

For sins of commission I plead guilty; for sins of omission I plead lack of space or lack of material.

In some 12,000 words I have had to try to tell the story of fourteen battalions throughout three and a half month's fighting, with additional chapters upon two battalions in India and Russia, and to wind up the saga of a Regiment which, during the War, put fifty battalions into the field.

I have thought it advisable to give the fullest possible space to the activities of the various battalions, thereby sacrificing the continuity of the history by omitting stories of the general progress of divisions and armies, which would have formed the connecting links, if space had not had to be considered.

Having read thousands of pages of War diaries I have marvelled at the information which some of them contain, knowing from personal experience the almost impossible conditions under which they were often written.

Some, however, are very meagre, and the consequent story of those particular battalions must necessarily suffer, particularly as so long a period of time has elapsed since the deeds chronicled took place.

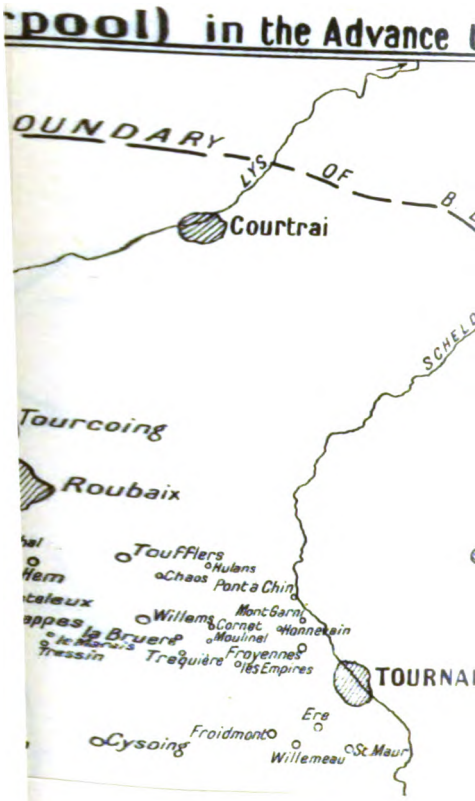
I have endeavoured to give a proportionately fair showing to all, but there may well be readers who will find episodes, which loom large in their memories, scantily described or even omitted.

I would ask them to remember that this is a regimental and not a battalion history, and is designed primarily to hand down to posterity, not the individual deeds of platoons, companies or battalions, but the united glory of "The King's."

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge my thanks to Major F. G. Harden, from whose abridged history of the King's the chapter recounting the story of the 2nd Battalion has been taken almost verbatim.

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CHAPTER XLI

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

THE BATTLE OF ALBERT
THE BATTLE OF THE SCARPE
THE BATTLE OF THE DROCOURT–QUÉANT LINE

AUGUST the 8th, 1918, will long be remembered by those who were in France or Flanders, for on that date Sir Douglas Haig attacked the enemy on a front of over eleven miles, from just south of the Amiens–Roye road to Morlancourt.[1] The Canadian and Australian Corps, and several British infantry divisions with the British Cavalry Corps (all Fourth Army Troops), supported by massed artillery and a large number of tanks, attacked at 4.20 a.m. and quickly gained their first objective. The enemy, stunned by this unexpected blow, was thrown back between six and seven miles on the first day of the battle, and when it concluded on the 11th a gap of eleven miles had been made in his line. Over 13,000 prisoners, between 300 and 400 guns and vast quantities of ammunition, and stores of all kinds were taken.[2] The whole of France and Flanders rang with the news of this fresh victory, which had created dismay amongst the enemy's troops.

General Ludendorff named the 8th of August, 1918, as Germany's "Black Day."

The results of the battle were to free Amiens and the important railway centring upon it, but perhaps more important still was the moral effect both on our troops and upon the enemy. Our men felt that at last, backed by superior artillery and tanks, their opportunity had come. The German soldiery, on the other hand, told by their leaders that the Allies were exhausted and that an early and favourable peace (favourable to Germany) was within sight, found themselves attacked and thrown back with heavy losses. As the official despatches state: "The reaction was inevitable and of a deep and lasting character." Since the enemy heavily reinforced his front east of Amiens Sir Douglas Haig determined to transfer his front of attack to north of the Somme. The Third Army was to operate in the direction of Bapaume and turn the lines of the old Somme defences from the north.

Before the main attack it was decided to launch a limited attack north of the Ancre, to gain the general line of the Arras–Albert Railway; the attack was to begin at 4.55 a.m. on the 21st August. The 22nd was to be used in getting

[1] The Battle of Amiens, 8th to 11th August.
[2] Increased subsequently to 22,000 prisoners and over four hundred guns.

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troops and guns in position and in bringing forward the left of the Fourth Army between the Somme and the Ancre. The principal attack would be delivered on the 23rd August by the Third Army and those divisions of the Fourth Army north of the Somme, while the remainder of the Fourth Army pressed forward south of the river to cover the flank of the main operations.

THE BATTLE OF ALBERT, 1918: 21ST–23RD AUGUST

King's men were engaged in this battle, *i.e.*, the 1st Battalion of the 2nd Division, the 13th of the 3rd Division and the 25th Battalion of the 59th Division—all of the VI Corps, Third Army, but the last-named division was in corps reserve during the early stages of the operations.

In the operations designed to prepare the way for the principal attack on August 23rd, the opening move was made by the 2nd Division, who attacked at 4.45 a.m. on the 21st, with the 37th Division on their right, and the Guards Division on their left. Their objective was the Ablainzeville-Moyenville ridge (blue line), which was successfully captured. The 1st King's of the 6th Brigade were not called upon to take part in this operation.

The 3rd Division then passed through, with their objective the Achiet-le-Grand–Arras Railway. The 13th King's, of the 9th Brigade, played a leading part in this attack, in which the enemy put up a very strong resistance.

13th Battalion

20th August

The Battalion moved up from Hannescamps on the night of the 20th, and formed up in the moonlight on a 600-yard frontage.

As soon as the attack of the 2nd Division started, the 13th King's followed in artillery formation. There was a thick mist, which was aggravated by the smoke screen put out to cover the tanks, and the advance had to be made on a compass bearing. The leading companies came under machine-gun fire before reaching the Blue Line, and on some parts of the front the tanks did not arrive. "D" Company on the left, aided by one tank, skirted the south side of Courcelles-le-Compte, and established themselves on the railway line after taking many prisoners. "C" Company on the right, with no assistance from the tanks, gallantly rushed the Boche machine-guns, and also reached the railway line. By this time the support companies had closed up, and casualties were very heavy from machine-gun fire, three company commanders being already out of action. Many casualties were due to the fact that the troops on the right had not actually reached the railway line, and this flank was much exposed. Heavy barrages and spasmodic fighting marked the next day, but the line held. At 4 a.m. on the 23rd, the 76th Brigade passed through to attack Gomiecourt. As this attack was being made, "C" Company tackled a machine-gun nest further down the railway line, and captured 150 prisoners, and many machine-guns. On the 24th the battalion moved back to bivouac at Ayette. The casualties had been heavy; four officers were killed—Capt. R. J. Barrett, M.C., Capt. N. A. R. Van Gruisen (died of wounds), Second-Lieut. J. B. Friend and Second-Lieut. H. Washbrook—seven officers were wounded and there were 263 O.R. casualties.

23rd August

31st August

On August 31st the 13th King's were in action again, when they took part

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in the attack on Ecoust. This was successfully accomplished, but not without further heavy casualties, estimated at nine officers and 200 O.R.

After the capture of Gomiecourt by the 3rd Division, the 2nd Division had received orders to attack Ervillers, Behagnies and Sapignies, in conjunction with an attack by the VI Corps on Achiet-le-Grand and Bihucourt. Light tanks were to support the division. The capture of Ervillers fell to the lot of the 6th Brigade, which was on the left flank, with the Guards Division on its left.

1st Battalion 23rd August

The attack was launched at 11 a.m. on August 23rd, and the 1st King's led the advance on the left of the brigade. Behind a tremendous barrage the battalion moved forward on a 600-yard frontage—"A," "B" and "D" Companies in front, with "C" Company in reserve. The whippet tanks were behind, ready to come up when required. About mid-day saw Ervillers in the hands of the King's and South Staffords, who proceeded to consolidate the village. It was not, however, all plain sailing, and, owing to the very severe enemy machine-gun fire from Mory Copse–Hally Copse ridge, it was found impossible to establish posts clear of the eastern edge of the village, as had been ordered. Heavy shelling was experienced from 2 p.m. until dark, and during the night determined attempts were made to capture Mory Copse and village, but without result. At 4.30 a.m. on the 24th, fourteen small patrols of King's men—six to eight men strong—were sent out towards the ridge, but the only result of these moves was further casualties, particularly amongst officers. At about 9 a.m. "C" Company, on the left, saw the Guards Division advancing unopposed, and went forward with the idea of prolonging their right flank. This attack was, however, soon severely checked by machine-gun fire, and at about 11.30 a.m. "C" Company was withdrawn. "B" and "D" Companies now set out on a renewed effort to capture Mory Copse, when at about 2.30 p.m. news reached Lieut.-Colonel D. M. King that the 99th Brigade was going to launch an attack at 3.30 p.m. On receipt of this information Colonel King checked the advance of these two companies, but did not withdraw them, partly to prevent the Boche coming any closer, and partly because there was no time in which to re-organise these exhausted King's men, who had been fighting and patrolling continuously for twenty-eight hours. When the 99th Brigade was seen sweeping forward, the two companies of the King's, now reduced to two officers and 140 other ranks, raced forward in a south-easterly direction.

Mory Copse, however, was still uncaptured, and so the King's—in the words of the Commanding Officer—"seeing that the attack obviously required an impulse, chanced a flank move," Wheeling left, they swept up the hill side, and with cheers of "King's," the men, though obviously worn out, tore across the railway line and, aided by the 1st R. Berkshires, carried Mory Copse. On the night of August 24th/25th the King's were withdrawn, four officers and 257 men coming out unwounded. Two officers, Lieuts. W. J. A. Pratt and R. T. Reese were killed, fourteen officers wounded, and there were 270 other rank casualties. It is interesting to note that the Commanding Officer attributed the success of this attack in great part to the keen platoon spirit,

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which had been fostered by every means for several months. No officer, N.C.O. or man was ever transferred, however hard pressed the battalion might be.

26th August — On the 26th August the 2nd Division went back into VI Corps support.

THE BATTLE OF THE SCARPE: 26TH–30TH AUGUST

During the next seven days, while the 2nd Division was in VI Corps support, several other forward movements were being made with the object of straightening out the line.

The main feature of the Battle of the Scarpe, which lasted from August 26th to August 30th, was the recapture of Monchy le Preux by the Canadians and the 51st Division.

At the same time, conforming with this operation, a forward thrust was made by the 56th and 57th Divisions, which resulted in the enemy being driven back as far as Bullecourt and Hendecourt.

2/6th, 2/7th, 8th and 9th Battalions — The 57th Division included four battalions of the King's, the 2/6th, 2/7th and 8th Battalions in the 171st Brigade, and the 9th Battalion in the 172nd Brigade. At the beginning of the operations the 171st Brigade were in divisional reserve, but the 9th King's took part in the attack of the 172nd Brigade on August 28th. This battalion arrived in the vicinity of Henin on the night of the 27th, and proceeded to take over the line during the night. At

9th Battalion 28th August — 12.30 p.m. on the 28th the 9th King's attacked, with Riencourt as their final objective, the 1st Queens Westminster Rifles on their right making for Bullecourt. "C" and "D" Companies led the attack, with "A" in support and "B" in reserve. The attack opened inauspiciously owing to the contact aeroplane receiving a direct hit from a shell shortly after the start. The first objective was reached without any very strong resistance being encountered. At about 1.50 p.m. the advance was continued in the direction of Hendicourt. From this point the fighting appears to have been somewhat disconnected, though severe. Four small parties, under different subalterns, penetrated into the village of Hendicourt, but were met by Boche machine-gun fire, and the village was being heavily shelled. These parties were organised under Lieut. Williams, who, having sent out scouts, decided to withdraw. In doing so, two of the four officers became casualties. By this time the troops appear to have become inextricably mixed, and one reads in the Battalion Diary of various small parties of King's men, Queen's Westminsters, South Lancs. and Canadian machine-gunners being re-organised into a consolidated line. In spite of the facts that, at one time, "no touch could be obtained with any troops on either flank of the above dispositions," at another "many attempts were made to effect communication with brigade, but, owing to casualties to battalion runners during the advance, they were not successful," and that all the time there was very heavy shelling and machine-gun fire—the positions gained were held. At 1 p.m. on the 29th the 170th Brigade took up the attack, and the Kings returned to Henin. In this operation Major F. H. Bowring was killed, eleven officers were wounded, including the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Lord H. C. Seymour, D.S.O., and 231 other ranks became casualties.

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THE BATTLE OF THE DROCOURT—QUÉANT LINE

The result of the battle of the Scarpe was to bring the British troops within assaulting distance of the Drocourt–Quéant line. The general assault on this position was launched on September 2nd and resulted in an immediate break in the enemy's line, and a headlong retreat on the whole front and south of it.

Several battalions of the King's took part in these operations. The 13th King's in the 3rd Division had, it will be remembered, made a successful but costly attack on Ecoust on August 31st. They held this position until, on September 2nd, the 8th Brigade passed through them as part of the general attack of the 3rd Division on Lagnicourt. The battalion then withdrew to Ervillers and remained in brigade reserve until September 19th. The 2nd Division were in VI Corps reserve, but took over the line at 5.20 a.m. on September 3rd. During the attack on September 3rd the 1st King's were in Brigade Reserve, but on the 4th September they were ordered to clear the ground west of the Canal du Nord, and push forward patrols to the east of the canal to locate the enemy's main line.

1st Battalion 4th September

At 5.20 a.m. two companies of the 1st King's set out towards the canal, about 1,000 yards in front, with orders to secure crossings and send out patrols on the other side. Having advanced about half way, however, they came up against heavy machine-gun and artillery-fire, and were held up. The battalion clung on in spite of strong bombing counter-attacks by the Boche. At about 4 p.m. a message was sent back from the O.C. 1st King's that "the enemy is on this side of the canal in force; enemy machine-gun and rifle-fire comes from all round, and both sides of the canal." A further attempt to advance was made at 10 p.m., but failed, and on the evening of the 5th the 6th Brigade was relieved by the 99th Brigade. The Battalion Diary merely refers to this advance as: "In action near Canal du Nord. Second-Lieut. Alty and four men missing, seven other ranks killed and seventeen wounded." On September 6th the battalion suffered a severe loss when Major H. J. Duff, D.S.O., M.C., the Second in Command, and Lieut. E. A. Wilson, the Acting Adjutant, were killed by a high-velocity shell bursting in the hut in which they were sleeping.

5th September

We must now go back to September 1st and follow the fortunes of the 57th Division. We left the 171st Brigade in divisional reserve on August 28th, and the attack of the 57th Division held up in front of Hendicourt and Riencourt. On September 1st the 171st Brigade received orders to attack and capture Riencourt, with the 52nd Division attacking on the south. This attack was made by the 2/6th King's leap-frogging through the 8th King's, and the 2/7th King's on their left, and was completely successful, all objectives being gained. The operations were made the subject of a special congratulatory message from the Divisional Commander, and the Commanding Officers of all three battalions pay special tribute to the spirit of determination shown by the men, and the skilful leadership displayed by subordinate commanders. The casualties incurred were: by the 2/6th, one officer killed, three wounded and 114 other rank casualties; by the 2/7th, two officers wounded and eighty-three other rank casualties; and by the 8th King's twenty-seven other rank casualties.

2/6th, 2/7th, and 8th Battalions 1st September

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Amongst the captures made by these three battalions were 650 prisoners, 100 machine-guns, and one field-gun. The capture of these positions paved the way for the general attack on September 2nd, when the 172nd Brigade and 63rd Division passed through, leaving the 171st Brigade approximately three miles behind the line. The attack of the 172nd Brigade, on the 2nd, was successful, all objectives being taken. The 9th King's were apparently in reserve, and, though receiving several casualties from shell-fire, did not come into

3rd September contact with the enemy. On the 3rd they withdrew for re-organisation.

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CHAPTER XLII

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

THE BATTLE OF THE HINDENDURG LINE

(i) THE BATTLE OF THE CANAL DU NORD
(ii) THE BATTLE OF THE ST. QUENTIN CANAL
(iii) THE BATTLE AND CAPTURE OF CAMBRAI

(i) THE BATTLE OF THE CANAL DU NORD: SEPTEMBER 27TH TO OCTOBER 1ST

WHILST the British Armies had been gradually approaching the main Hindenburg Line, the combined operations by the French and Americans, which had resulted in the capture of the St. Mihiel Salient, had decided General Foch to launch his great final assault all along the line. Success on the centre sector—the Hindenburg Line on the Cambrai–St. Quentin front—was realised to be all important, partly because of the moral effect, since this line was considered by the Germans to be impregnable, and partly because it was generally admitted that this sector formed the most formidable and highly organised portion of the enemy's defences. The 27th September was the day fixed for the attack, which was to be begun by the First and Third Armies, and followed by a still heavier attack by the Fourth Army. The battalions of the King's which took part in this battle were the 1st Battalion of the 2nd Division, the 13th of the 3rd Division, and the 2/6th, 2/7th, 8th and 9th of the 57th Division. The first battalion of King's men to come into action on September 27th was the 13th, who, after twelve days' continuous tour in the trenches, left them at 5.20 a.m., having as their objective the German defensive system west of Ribecourt. The attack was carried out with "C" Company on the right and "D" Company on the left, with "A" and "B" Companies respectively in support. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting to the first objective, and "C" Company in particular suffered heavy casualties. During a long interval on the first objective, "C" Company re-organised and called upon one platoon of "A" Company to reinforce them. When they went forward again much better progress was made, and a nest of dugouts, which had previously been hampering the advance, was easily captured, together with some 200 Boches inside. When nearing the final objective, "A" Company merged into the firing line, and swept the attack forward. "B" Company was not called upon to reinforce, but remained in support throughout. The battalion captured some 600 prisoners and 100 machine-guns and automatic rifles, at a cost in casualties of six officers and 125 other ranks. The 13th King's were withdrawn on the 28th.

13th Battalion 27th September

28th September

While the 3rd Division and the Guards' Division were capturing Ribecourt

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and Flesquières, the 2nd Division was waiting behind the Guards ready to pass through as soon as the latter had gone as far as possible. The attack of the 3rd Division on Ribecourt had been, as we have seen, successful, but the Guards' Division, although in Flesquières, found the troops of the XVII Corps on their left held up in front of Graincourt, and had formed a defensive flank in that direction. At 2 p.m. on the 27th a new attack upon Graincourt succeeded,

1st Battalion 27th September

and at 3.30 p.m. the 1st King's and South Staffords of the 6th Brigade attacked and captured Orival Wood. At 10.15 p.m. the 2nd Division had passed through the Guards' Division, and the 1st King's found themselves in Lathe Trench on the extreme left of the line, with both flanks exposed. Just before reaching Lathe Trench the battalion lost Captain Beesley, M.C., commanding "A" Company, who was killed by a machine-gun bullet. The attack had been

28th September

successful all along the line, and early on the morning of the 28th the advance was continued. "Zero" was at 5.15 a.m., and the Battalion Diary states that the barrage was put down uncomfortably close to Lathe Trench. However it was lifted in ten minutes, and the King's advanced in four waves towards the St. Quentin Canal. In spite of being met by considerable machine-gun fire from the direction of Marcoing, the King's reached the Canal, and part of Battalion H.Q. crossed, and established themselves in the lock-keeper's house. The four companies remained west of the Canal, and got some badly needed

29th September

rest. The attack was again resumed on the 29th, and early in the afternoon all four companies of the King's crossed the Canal, and followed the 17th Royal Fusiliers towards Range Wood. The battalion was withdrawn that night. During these operations Capt. Beesley, M.C., Second-Lieut. Shoreman, M.C., and Second-Lieut. Cowman, D.C.M., were killed; Second-Lieut. Cheetham was missing; twenty-three other ranks killed and 191 other ranks wounded or missing. On the 5th of October the following awards for gallantry during recent operations were received by the 1st King's: Capt. R. Ward, M.C.—D.S.O.; Major E. R. Mace, M.C.—Bar to M.C.; Capt. H. A. Symons, M.C.—Bar to M.C.; Lieut. G. V. Harrison (subsequently died of wounds)—M.C.; Sergeant Woods, D.C.M., M.M.—Bar to D.C.M.; Regimental Sergt.-Major Geller—D.C.M.; Sergeants Campbell and Jones (both died of wounds)—D.C.M.

Whilst the 1st and 13th King's were thus approaching Cambrai on the south side of the Cambrai–Bapaume road, four other battalions of King's men

2/6th, 2/7th, 8th and 9th Battalions

were also fighting a little to the north. These were the 2/6th, 2/7th, 8th and 9th Battalions of the 57th Division, which took part in the general advance on the 27th September on the left of the Guards' Division. The attack on the XVII Corps front was inaugurated by the 52nd and 63rd Divisions, but the 57th Division was ordered to pass through them and capture the Blue Line, which was the third objective, afterwards exploiting success by seizing the crossings over the Canal de L'Escaut. The order of attack of the 57th Division was the 172nd Brigade on the right, the 171st on the left, with the 170th Brigade in support. The 171st Brigade attacked with the 8th King's on the right, the 2/7th on the left, and the 2/6th in support.

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At 5.40 a.m. on the 27th September the 63rd Division attacked and the leading battalions of the 57th followed, but there was a long check when the 63rd Division was held up by heavy machine-gun fire from the Sugar Factory, and by artillery and machine-gun fire from Anneux and Graincourt. It was not until 6.30 p.m. that orders were received to pass through the 63rd Division. The 2/7th King's then advanced with the Canadians on their left to the south-east corner of Bourlon Wood, suffering very heavy casualties. They eventually established themselves in the Marquion Line for the night, having lost by this time eight officers and 140 other ranks. The 8th King's had moved against Anneux, but when about 800 yards from their objective, they ran into troops of another division retreating before a Boche counter attack. The attack of the King's men thus became immobilised, and they were withdrawn with a view to resuming the advance when the situation permitted. Meanwhile the 2/6th King's had received orders from the Brigade Commander to attack Cantaing Trench and Support from the north at 6.20 p.m. This attack was delivered by "D" and "C" Companies, with "B" in support and "A" in reserve, but it was found, at about 9.30 p.m., impossible to proceed further before daylight. The 9th King's who, early in the afternoon, had passed through the 2/7th between Anneux and the south-west corner of Bourlon Wood, were held up in front of Cantaing Trench. 27th September

During the night of the 27th/28th the Canadians had worked right round Bourlon Wood to the northern edge of Fontaine, and the 2/7th had no difficulty, as soon as it was light, in advancing and securing their objectives of the previous day. Here they consolidated their positions and the 170th Brigade went through to continue the battle. On the 30th the 2/7th captured Proville without much trouble. An interesting entry in the Battalion Diary reads: "Village in comparatively good condition, and *first signs of civilisation again appeared.*"

At 10 p.m. on the 30th the battalion was relieved. During these operations Second-Lieutenants Higgins and Pittock were killed, nine officers wounded, thirty-four other ranks killed and 172 wounded or missing. The 8th King's spent most of the 29th receiving orders and counter-orders, but at about 5 p.m. they were told to be ready to follow the 2/6th and 2/7th across the Canal. Finally, they rendered some assistance to the 2/7th in their capture of Proville on the 30th, and were relieved at the same time as that battalion. Second-Lieut. Shepherd was killed, three officers wounded, eight other ranks killed, and fifty-five wounded or missing during this operation.

The 2/6th had received, during the night of the 27th/28th, new orders to attack trenches west and south of Fontaine. This attack was launched at 5.30 a.m. and successfully accomplished by 9.30 a.m. During the 29th the 2/6th King's gained touch with the Canadians on their left and fought their way along the Marquion Line, reaching the canal at about 6.30 p.m. After crossing the canal, two unsuccessful attacks were made on Proville Trench, one at dusk, and one in the early hours of the 30th. Eventually the 2/7th passed through, as we have seen, and the 2/6th were relieved at 6 p.m. The total casualties of this battalion during the four days were sixty-three, including 2/6th Battalion

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9th Battalion

two officers (Second-Lieut. D. S. Purdee and Second-Lieut. H. Alty) killed, and two wounded. The 9th King's were withdrawn at 8.30 a.m. on the 28th and, after some further fighting on the 30th, retired to bivouac near Fontaine. Their casualties were four officers wounded, nine other ranks killed and seventy-four wounded or missing.

(ii) THE BATTLE OF THE ST. QUENTIN CANAL, SEPTEMBER 29TH TO OCTOBER 1ST

4th Battalion 28th September

The only battalion of the King's which took part in this operation was the 4th King's in the 98th Brigade of the 33rd Division. There were brought up in front of Villers Guislan on September 28th, and attacked at 3.30 a.m. the next morning. There are no details of the fighting that ensued, except that a strong fight was put up by the enemy. The battalion captured three officers and 117 other ranks during the two days, and lost Second-Lieuts G. P. Harper and W. C. Marshall killed, one officer wounded, nineteen other ranks killed and sixty-four wounded or missing. On the 30th September the 4th King's became battalion in brigade reserve.

(iii) THE BATTLE AND CAPTURE OF CAMBRAI

By October 1st the enemy's positions on the Hindenburg Line had been deeply broken into along the whole front, while the advance of the French and American Armies to the south were already threatening his communications. In the north the Second Army and the Belgian Forces had also made considerable advances. There was no slackening in the pursuit of the enemy, and the breaches in the Hindenburg Line were being widened all through the first week in October. The next concerted phase of the great offensive, however, began on October 8th when the Third and Fourth Armies attacked on a seventeen-mile front. It is interesting to note how the remaining battalions of the King's were getting closer and closer together, and in the plans for the attack we find that the 3rd Division (containing the 13th King's) were to attack on the right of the 2nd Division (containing the 1st King's); a portion of the 57th Division (containing the 2/6th, 2/7th, 8th and 9th King's) were to pass through the 6th Infantry Brigade (containing the 1st King's), whilst the 4th King's in the 33rd Division were gradually converging from the south.

13th Battalion 7th October

The 13th King's of the 3rd Division proceeded to their assaulting positions East of Rumilly at about 11 p.m. on October 7th. Their orders were to advance behind the 4th Royal Fusiliers to the Red Line, and then to go through them and capture the Green Line, which was the road between La Targette and Forenville. At 4.30 a.m. the attack started, and the Red Line was soon reached. The King's then followed through and reached their objective. There had been some casualties, and many prisoners taken. Unfortunately the battalion found itself directly enfiladed from both sides and covering, as they were, a 1,000-yard frontage with less than 300 rifles, they were unable to deal with the machine-gun nests on their flanks. The King's held on in the hopes that the battalions on their right and left would come up and clear these places.

At this moment two British tanks advanced towards the 13th King's from

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the front, and a plucky lance-corporal ran forward to ask their assistance against the machine-guns, which were enfilading the road from both flanks.

On nearing the tanks, however, he saw that they had small "iron crosses" painted on them, and at the same moment they opened fire on him. They were captured British tanks which had been repaired by the Boche. The two tanks advanced, side by side, towards the junction of the 2nd and 3rd Divisions on the Red Line, on reaching which point they turned right and left down the lines held by the troops of those divisions. The 13th King's and 4th Royal Fusiliers brought heavy rifle and Lewis-gun fire to bear upon the tank which was attacking them, and succeeded in shearing off an armoured plate.

The tank, thereupon, wheeled round and retired over the crest of the hill, and almost immediately burst into flames.

The enemy machine-gun fire from the flanks was still, however, intense and the senior company commander decided to withdraw, and conform to the troops on either side of him. This was accomplished in good order.

At 12.40 p.m. a second attack was launched on the Green Line by the 13th King's and 4th Royal Fusiliers. By this time the strength of the Battalion was only twenty-five rifles per company, and when the advance started it was found that the left flank was again "in the air." The attack was too weak to make any headway, and after suffering under a heavy trench-mortar barrage and machine-gun fire for some five minutes the battalion withdrew once more to the Red Line. The 13th King's were now only about eighty strong, their casualties being one officer killed, eight wounded, nine other ranks killed and 121 wounded or missing. On the 9th, the 13th King's were withdrawn to Flesquières. 9th October

The 2nd Division, on October 8th, had been attacking and capturing Forenville on the left of the 13th Kings, but the 1st King's did not take an active part in the operation. Lieut. D. McCarthy, M.C., was killed on the 8th. On the 9th the 1st King's moved back to the Canal Du Nord, and on the 12th it is recorded that they played the 13th King's at football, and were beaten 2–1, a victory of which the 13th might well be proud, considering that they had come out of battle only eighty strong three days before! 1st Battalion 9th October

There is not a great deal to record of the 2/6th, 2/7th and 8th Battalions in this battle, as the attack of the 57th Division was made by the 170th Brigade, and the orders given to the 171st Brigade were to hold their present line. The 2/7th King's were still in Proville on the 8th, and when the attack started at 4.30 a.m. they stood fast, whilst the brigade on their right swung round on the flanks. The King's co-operated by throwing smoke bombs, an action which drew enemy artillery fire on Proville, but no casualties were caused. At 7.30 this battalion was relieved by the 8th King's. When the 8th King's took over the posts in Proville, they had the 2/6th King's on their left and the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers on their right. It was reported that the enemy were likely to retire from Cambrai during the night, and patrols were pushed forward to reconnoitre. Touch was gained with the enemy up to 3.30 a.m. on the 9th, but at 4.30 a.m. two patrols reported that the enemy had vacated his posts, and 2/6th, 2/7th, and 8th Battalions

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that they were pushing on. Whilst leading one of these patrols, Second-Lieut. Openshaw was wounded by machine-gun fire at close range, and afterwards died of wounds. At 10 a.m. "A" and "B" Companies moved forward as far as the Arras–Cambrai road, mopping up the ground on both flanks. At 11.30 they were withdrawn and at 4 p.m. the battalion was concentrated in Proville. The 2/6th report that on the 8th no action beyond active patrolling was taken by the battalion. During the early hours of the 9th news was received that the Canadians had successfully occupied the Cambrai bridgeheads, and at 10 a.m. the 2/6th moved forward in conjunction with the 8th on their right. They soon had picquets over the entrances to Cambrai, but at 2 p.m. they were withdrawn. The 9th King's had been relieved by the 2/7th on October 7th and were in support until they were withdrawn at 6 p.m. on the 9th. The casualties incurred by these battalions were comparatively light during these few days, and on October 12th they entrained near Hermies. Their destination was the Béthune district, where they arrived on the 13th and proceeded to billets.

9th Battalion

4th Battalion

The 4th Kings was at Honnecourt on October 8th, and on the 9th moved up to Clary, and on the 10th to Troisvilles, just short of the River Selle.

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CHAPTER XLIII

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

ACROSS THE SELLE TO MONS

THE British Armies were now moving forward all along the line, and although the enemy put up a strong resistance on the line of the River Selle, he was finally driven clear of this line by October 20th. The final objective, however, of this operation had not yet been reached, namely, a general line running along the western edge of the Forèt de Mormal to Valenciennes. For this operation the 3rd and 2nd Divisions, respectively, were to pass through the 62nd and Guards' Division. The 9th Brigade, in which was the 13th King's, was in 3rd Divisional Reserve in the early stages of this battle, but moved up in support at the second stage, and finally were given the task of capturing the last objective. The attack of the 9th Brigade was made by the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers and the 4th Royal Fusiliers, with the 13th King's supporting both. The 13th were billeted in Quivey during the night of October 22nd/23rd, and at 7.40 a.m. marched to Solesmes in column of fours accompanied by the band. At about 9.30 the battalion came under shell-fire at Romeries, and one can almost say that the regiment went into action with the band playing—a startling change from the attacks of only a few weeks before, which were accompanied only by the boom of bursting shells, the whine of machine-gun bullets, and the whole devil's orchestra of a trench battle. So successful was the advance, and so feeble the enemy's resistance, that at about 12.30 orders were received that the two leading brigades would continue their attack up to the final objective, when all available cavalry were to push forward to Ruesnes and beyond the railway line. The 9th Brigade were ordered to support the cavalry, and the same dispositions were kept. At about 4.30 p.m. the advance was resumed, and at nightfall the King's had dug themselves in near the River Escaillon. The night passed very quietly, and at 4 a.m. the 9th Brigade moved forward to capture the high ground north-east of Ruesnes.

13th Battalion

23rd October

The King's were again in support. The artillery barrage came down on the River Escaillon at 4 a.m., and at 4.20 moved forward at the rate of 100 yards in six minutes, till it reached a point 400 yards north of the river, where it remained for one hour, during which time the leading troops crossed the river. When the barrage lifted the leading troops followed it into Ruesnes, and could see enemy transport, guns, and red cross wagons retreating in great haste through the northern and eastern outskirts of the village. The King's then consolidated in depth from a sunken road near the village. Patrols were sent out during the night of the 24th/25th October, and the next morning as far as the

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railway line. At 12 noon the 8th Brigade took up the attack, and on the night
28th October of the 27th/28th the battalion was relieved and withdrew to Escarmain. During these operations the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel W. J. H. Howard, was wounded, five other ranks killed and 34 other ranks wounded. On the 31st October the following awards were announced as having been given during the month:—

Second Bar to the Military Cross:
Captain (A/Major) R. P. Heywood, M.C.
Captain F. Aked Sellers, M.C.

The Military Cross:
Second-Lieut. (A/Captain) L. M. Milton, D.C.M.
Second-Lieut. J. W. Barker.
Second-Lieut. T. W. Cone.

Bar to the D.C.M.:
Regimental Sergt.-Major T. Adams, D.C.M.

One second bar to the M.M., one Croix de Guerre, two bars to the M.M., and seventeen M.M.

The Regimental Medical Officer, Lieut. G. H. Reddick, of the American Army, was also awarded the Military Cross.

While the 13th King's were fighting their way to Ruesnes, the 2nd Division had been advancing in line with them on their right. This division reached the Le Quesnoy-Valenciennes railway line, and had established an outpost line north of it, during the afternoon of the 25th October. The 1st King's in the 6th Brigade, had been in divisional reserve throughout this advance, and had proceeded by easy stages from Niergnies–St. Hilaire–St. Python to Escarmain, and finally moved back to Romeries on the 27th.

On the 26th October the 3rd Division took over the duties of advance guard along the whole Corps front, but the 13th King's did not come into action again.

1st Battalion The last duties performed by the 1st King's before the Armistice appear to have been draining and scraping roads at Villers Pol and Preux au Sart!
9th November The entry in the Battalion Diary for November 9th is typical of the spirit which had sustained this battalion for over four years, from the day (August 16th, 1914), on which it detrained at Busigny, not fifteen miles away; it reads: "Heard that Mons and Maubeuge had been captured. Alas for our fond hopes of going through the Guards' Division, and being in at the death!"

4th Battalion There is very little information in the diary of the 4th Battalion, which we left at Troisvilles on October 10th. They left this place on the 22nd, and
23rd October on the 23rd attacked Forest successfully, although Capt. A. R. Nicholls was killed, and one officer wounded. The next three days were spent in attacking Englefontaine, which was captured on the 26th, four officers being wounded. The 4th King's withdrew to the Montay area, where they remained until the 4th November. They then moved forward to Englefontaine, and on through

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the Forêt de Mormal to Sassignies, at which place they were established when the Armistice was signed. 11th November

The 18th (Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool) Regiment was formed on August 13th, 1918, at Serquex Camp. It consisted of the 14th Battalion of the King's, recently returned from Salonica, and of the 18th Battalion (Lancashire Hussars). Lieut.-Colonel G. Rollo, D.S.O., from the 19th King's, was given command. The remainder of the month was spent in organisation and training, as also was September, by the end of which time the battalion had moved forward as far as Proyart. On the 29th, Lieut.-Colonel Rollo left to take over command of the 150th Brigade, and Major R. O. Wynne, D.S.O., took over command of the battalion. On October 7th the 18th King's arrived at the Hindenburg Line in the neighbourhood of Bony, and on the 8th moved forward in divisional reserve to the attacking troops. At 5.30 p.m. "D" Company occupied the mill at Serain, whilst "B" Company also moved up to take over part of the line from the Connaught Rangers. At 5.20 a.m. the next morning the battalion moved forward through Maretz to L'Epinette, where enemy machine-gun fire was encountered, which held up the advance for some time. Eventually an armoured car dispersed the enemy, who were followed up by the cavalry and the South African Brigade. A patrol of "D" Company captured an officer and four men. During this engagement three officers and thirty-one other ranks were wounded, and six other ranks killed. At 5 a.m. next day the King's attacked towards Le Cateau, and although meeting with considerable machine-gun fire and a particularly troublesome "whizz bang" battery, which fired at them over open sights, they established themselves in the outskirts of Le Cateau by nightfall.

18th Battalion

7th October

During the afternoon of the 11th a party of "B" Company came across about 200 Germans loading motor lorries in the square. Lewis-gun and rifle-fire was at once opened, and about fifty of the enemy were put out of action, while the remainder hastily decamped. One motor lorry driver was taken prisoner. At 10 p.m. that night the battalion was relieved, and went into billets in Ruemont. The enemy shelled Ruemont very heavily the next day, and during the early hours of the 13th, and at 11 a.m. the King's left Ruemont and went into billets at Maurois. 13th October

The casualties incurred by the battalion between the 7th and 13th of October were: Lieut. F. E. Sanders, M.C., Second-Lieut. L. J. Hayes, and nineteen other ranks killed; six officers and 115 other ranks wounded; three other ranks wounded and missing; and one officer and sixteen other ranks missing.

On October 17th the King's moved forward again to Ruemont, and next day to the western banks of the River Selle. The next three days were spent in some very confused fighting in front of the bridges across the river, during which time very little progress was made, and on the 21st the battalion was relieved by the 2nd Bedfords, and moved back to Elincourt. During this period five other ranks were killed, and thirty-four wounded.

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On November 3rd the King's moved to Le Cateau, and on to Landrecies, where they spent the night of the 5th/6th.

On the 6th the 18th King's marched from Landrecies to Maroilles by the very road along which their comrades of the 1st King's had marched so hopefully on August 22nd, 1914.

The night of the 6th/7th was spent in Maroilles under more pleasant conditions that the 1st Battalion had experienced on the retreat from Mons

11th November on the night of August 25th, 1914 (see Volume I). On November 11th the battalion had reached Vieux Sart.

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CHAPTER XLIV

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN ARTOIS

THE ENTRY INTO LILLE

DURING August and September the 55th Division, the 165th Brigade of which contained the 5th, 6th and 7th King's, and the 166th the 10th King's, was in the Béthune area. The battalions spent their time in the Festubert and Givenchy sectors of the line, with periods of rest in the back area.

5th, 6th, 7th, and 10th Battalions 1st October

On October 1st these four battalions were situated as follows:—the 5th, 6th, 7th Battalions in Béthune, and the 10th in close support to the outpost battalion at Festubert. On the morning of the 2nd, reports were received that the enemy were retiring, and the aptly named "Scurry Order" was issued. From this point up to the Armistice the fighting was spasmodic and the advance practically continuous, and the picture can best be portrayed by following the individual fortunes of each battalion.

5th Battalion

The 5th King's moved out of Béthune at 6.30 a.m. on October 3rd, but did not take over the outpost line from the 7th King's until the 11th. The battalion H.Q. were then at Grand Mesnil. On the 14th a strong patrol was sent out, which captured one German officer and nineteen other ranks, at a cost of one officer wounded, four other ranks killed and twenty-two wounded or missing. On the 15th "A" and "D" Companies crossed the canal and entered Don. At 2 p.m. the 6th Battalion passed through, and took up the advance. The move forward was now becoming more rapid, and we find the 5th Battalion, on the 20th, at Froidmont, well over the Belgian frontier, which was crossed at 2.15. On the 21st the King's attacked and captured the villages of Ere and St. Maur, apparently without any difficulty, and were relieved that night. On the 28th the battalion relieved the 6th Battalion in Froidmont. Increased enemy air and artillery activity is reported. On November 3rd the 5th King's relieved the 7th Battalion in the front line near Ere. On the 6th two strong daylight patrols were sent out, and between them captured one officer, fifty-four other ranks, and three light machine-guns. On the 8th the Boche withdrew behind the River Escaut and the battalion moved into the cavalry barracks in Tournai. Leaving Tournai on the 9th, the 5th King's moved forward again without encountering the enemy, and entered Ath as the Armistice was signed.

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6th Battalion

The 6th King's moved forward at the word "Scurry" and October 5th found them in the outpost line at Hantay. On the 8th they were relieved by the 7th Battalion. On the 16th in the afternoon they passed through the 5th

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King's, and entered Annœullin, which had been evacuated and set on fire by the Boche. Some opposition was offered from Allenes by enemy machine-gunners, but by the evening Allenes and Herrin had been occupied.

17th October — The advance was resumed next day and the King's reached Seclin without meeting any opposition. Some sharp fighting occurred in front of Ennetières, which was occupied by 4.30 p.m. The total casualties for the two days were two other ranks killed and seven other ranks wounded. On the 18th the 5th and 7th King's marched through the outpost line towards Frettin. It was not until the 29th that the 6th King's went into the outpost line again, and by this time the advance had reached Froidmont in front of Tournai. Here a patrol, at night, ran into heavy machine-gun fire and lost one other rank killed and five wounded. On the 7th the battalion again moved up and relieved the 5th

7th November — King's in front of Tournai. On the 8th, the 6th King's advanced in the early morning, and at 7.45 a.m. the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel McKaig, D.S.O., entered Tournai on the heels of the patrols, and was received by the Burgomaster. All ranks met with an enthusiastic reception from the populace, who, later on, rendered valuable assistance in pointing out the position of enemy machine-guns, which were sweeping all approaches to the River Escault. During the night the river was crossed in collapsible boats, by a light bridge, and finally by a pontoon bridge, which was put across by the R.E. By dawn no opposition was encountered two kilometres east of the river. Casualties in the whole advance were one other rank killed and six wounded. At 9.30 a.m. on the 9th the 7th King's passed through, and the battalion was on its way to

11th November — billets in Meslin l'Eveque on November 11th, when the "Cease Fire" was sounded.

7th Battalion 3rd October — The 7th King's left Béthune on the morning of the 3rd October and on the 7th took over the outpost line from the 6th Battalion at Hantay, from which they were relieved by the 5th Battalion on the 10th. On the 18th the battalion took over the duties of Advance Guard from Seclin, and led the brigade through Fretin–Cyosnig–Froidmont as far as Willemeau and Marnière, when strong opposition was encountered. It was now the 20th October, and the battalion was relieved at 6 p.m. by the 5th King's. On the 31st the 7th King's were on outpost west of Tournai, and on November 2nd a raid was carried out which resulted in the capture of eight prisoners and two machine-guns, fifteen of the enemy being killed. Our casualties were six men wounded. On the 3rd the battalion was relieved by the 5th Kings, and went into brigade reserve. On November 9th the battalion resumed advanced guard duty, and proceeded

11th November — forward with practically no opposition until the Armistice found them at Ligne.

10th Battalion 2nd October — The 10th King's, who were in support at Festubert on October 2nd, did not make such easy progress as their comrades on the right. Entering the outpost line at dusk on the evening of the 3rd, they pushed forward next morning in the face of strong opposition from the enemy, with orders to advance to and cross the canal. After two days' strenuous fighting they succeeded in driving the enemy outposts back to the canal, beyond which progress was impossible. No detailed casualty figures are given, but the Battalion Diary

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states : "The casualties suffered by 'Z' Company were exceptionally heavy. Only six N.C.O.s and men got back out of two platoons, the remainder being killed, wounded, or taken prisoner. 'V' and 'X' Companies also suffered heavy casualties, but succeeded in holding their positions. . . . In two days, in face of considerable opposition, the battalion advanced the line 1,000 yards on the right and 2,500 yards on the left." The King's were relieved at dusk, and on the 7th a draft of 129 men arrived to replace the casualties received in this action. On the 12th the 166th Brigade went into divisional reserve and the 10th King's went into "very comfortable billets" in Béthune. On the 21st the 166th Brigade relieved the 165th Brigade in the line, and the 10th King's took over from the 7th Battalion at Froidmont. The remaining days up to November 11th, when the 10th King's had reached Viller Notre Dame, passed without the battalion going into action. The Battalion Diary mentions a certain amount of shelling, but it is more taken up with accounts of football matches, mounted paper chases, dramatic performances by the "Kinky Roos," the battalion concert party, and by accounts of the welcome which they received everywhere from the liberated civilians.

11th November

The 25th Battalion of the King's left Cromer for France on May 5th, 1918, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Kay. Their strength was thirty-seven officers and 1,062 other ranks. On May 12th the battalion was appointed to the 177th Brigade, 59th Division, and spent the next month digging trenches on various defence lines. On June 17th the 25th King's became part of the 176th Brigade and moved up to Laires, in which vicinity they remained in training until they went into the line in front of Bretencourt for the first time on July 25th.

25th Battalion

The beginning of August found the battalion in the Mercatel Sector, where throughout the month they carried out comparatively uneventful tours of duty in the line. On September 1st the 25th King's were at St. Floris, and on the 3rd they moved forward to Lestrem to relieve the 15th Essex Regiment of the 177th Brigade. On the 4th they were ordered to move forward, and after meeting with a certain amount of opposition from the enemy, reached Le Tilleloy on the 5th. On the 7th they were relieved by the 26th Northumberland Fusiliers, and moved back into billets at Pont du Hem. The casualties incurred by the battalion during the three days were three officers wounded, eight other ranks killed, and thirty-one other ranks wounded or missing. On September 11th the brigade went into divisional reserve and the battalion moved to La Gorgue.

1st September

On the 29th the King's went into the line again at Harlech Castle, and on October 2nd they successfully attacked and captured Two Tree Farm. The attack was made on a three-company frontage, and resulted in the capture of nine prisoners, three light and one heavy machine-guns. Second-Lieut. Foxall was killed, six officers wounded, two other ranks killed and thirty-two other ranks wounded in this operation. On the 3rd the King's were relieved and the next day moved to Erquinghem, where they remained until the 17th. At dawn on the 18th the 25th King's marched out of Chapelle D'Armentières and

29th September

18th October

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reached St. André at 1 p.m. They reached Wasquehal at 6 p.m. that night, and at dawn next morning continued their march to Hem, where they became advanced guard to the brigade, and continued moving forward in artillery formation as far as Hulans. The next day they reached the River Escault, and by 5 p.m. on the 21st one and a half companies had crossed the river by pontoon in the face of strong enemy resistance from machine-guns, trench-mortars and snipers.[1] This four days' exploit of the 25th King's formed the subject of congratulatory messages from the Army Commander downwards. The Brigade Commander's message is worthy of record: "The Brigadier wishes to congratulate and thank the Officer commanding and all ranks of the 25th Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment) on their wonderful performance during the recent advance. The battalion has covered thirty miles in thirty-six hours in order to get into action. He especially wishes to express his appreciation of the spirit and determination to get forward displayed, which has surmounted apparently insuperable obstacles, and has resulted in the battalion being *the first British troops to cross the Escault as a tactical unit.*"

The casualties were light, consisting of two officers wounded (Second-Lieut. F. L. Patterson died of wounds three days later), one other rank killed and twenty-five other ranks wounded, but as an example of the hardships over-come after such an advance, we read that on the 21st "'B' Company, having crossed the canal, could not reach their objectives since they were over their waists in water in the marsh." On the 22nd the battalion was relieved, and went back to billets in Toufflers. On November 8th the 25th King's moved to Chaos, and three days later they received at Velaines the telegram which told

11th November — them that Chaos was at an end.

THE ENTRY INTO LILLE

2/6th, 2/7th, 8th and 9th Battalions — We left the 2/6th, 2/7th, 8th and 9th Battalions of the King's detraining near Béthune on October 13th, and the story of their activities up to November 11th does not contain much fighting, although they had some interesting experiences. The 171st Brigade moved to Laventie on the 15th October, to Le Maisnil on the 16th, and entered Lille on the 17th. The honour of being

17th October 2/7th Battalion — the *first allied troops to reach Lille* fell to "B" Company of the 2/7th King's, who, on the morning of the 17th, pressed forward and had established posts on the bridges over the Haute Deule Canal, from Canteleu and around the Chapel by 11 a.m. By 5.30 Battalion H.Q. was established in Canteleu.

"The reception accorded the troops was historic. All the men and officers were decorated with French and Belgian colours and flowers by the civilian population, who thronged around the posts, and cheered and shouted in their delight to be once more, after four years of slavery, out of the hands of the

2/6th Battalion — enemy." The 2/6th King's arrived on the Canal outside Lille at mid-day on the 17th. All the bridges had been destroyed, or partially demolished, but it

[1] This account is taken from the Brigade message to Division and does not tally exactly as to dates and times with the Battalion Diary.

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LIVERPOOL IRISH, 57TH DIVISION, ENTERING THE OUTSKIRTS OF LILLE. 18TH OCTOBER, 1918

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was possible for individuals to cross, and so the bridgeheads were picquetted. At 5 p.m. troops of the 172nd Brigade arrived and crossed the remains of the Pont de Canteleu to picquet the Moat. The 2/6th billetted that night near the Pont de Canteleu. The 8th Battalion were in support to the brigade, and spent the night in billets at Le Marais. One company of the 8th King's spent the day in support at Fin de la Guerre! The 9th King's, as we have seen, crossed the canal into the City at 5 p.m.; by 7.30 all posts were in position, and 9th Battalion
Battalion H.Q. established in the Château in the Avenue de Dunkirk. Although doubtless preferring British to German occupation, the loyalty of some of the civilians must have been severely tested during the night of the 17th/18th, as the picquets had orders to allow no one to enter or leave the city. "Many were in great difficulty as, though living outside, they had been in the habit of going in on certain days to draw rations." However, the French Mission arrived at 7.30 a.m. on the 18th, and soon put matters straight. On the 19th, the 9th King's was privileged to provide the Guard of Honour for M. Clemenceau, who expressed his great appreciation of the Guard. The Guard consisted of Lieut. Fisher, in command, Lieuts. Rigby and Whymark, and 100 other ranks. Later the Guard marched through the City to the Mayor's house, where it remained until M. Clemenceau left. In the afternoon "B" and "C" Companies played a football match on the athletic ground.

The 9th King's moved out of Lille on the 21st, and their lodgings on the night of the 22nd were international. Part of the battalion were in La Breure (France), part in Trequiere (Belgium) and part in dug-outs (very recently Germany). On the 24th the 9th relieved the 2/7th King's at Froyennes and here, for the last time, gained touch with the enemy. During the next three days there was considerable shelling and machine-gun fire. On the 28th the battalion was relieved and withdrew to Hellemes, where they remained until November 11th. The 2/7th King's left Lille at 9 a.m. on the 18th, and advanced 11th November
through Hellemes and Tressins to the neighbourhood of Froyennes, which 2/7th Battalion
place was reached on the 20th, but it was found that progress was becoming slower, and the battalion remained here until being relieved by the 9th King's on the 24th. On the 30th the 2/7th moved back to Lille, where they were billetted in the Faubourg de Fives.

On the evening of the 18th the 171st Brigade moved out of Lille in support of the right and left flanks respectively of the 59th and 74th Divisions. The 8th King's were in front with the 2/6th in support. The 8th Battalion 8th Battalion
reached Flers without opposition at noon, and advancing throughout the day in close touch with the forward troops reach Ascq and Annappes at nightfall. The advance was continued next day at 8 a.m., and at 2 p.m. the 8th King's were called upon to fill a gap which had occurred between the 59th and 74th Divisions. The battalion spent the night in and around Cornet, Noulinel and Trequiere. The next morning the King's moved forward to Blandin, and encountered both mounted and infantry enemy patrols in Honnevain and Mont Garni. After clearing these places the 8th King's pushed on, but the advance was held up for the night in the neighbourhood of Froyennes. On the

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morning of the 21st the 2/6th King's took over their position, and continued the advance. During the advance Second-Lieut. F. T. Edwards, M.C., was killed, and nine other ranks wounded. The 8th King's moved back on the 30th October to Hellemes, where they were in billets on November 11th.

11th November

2/6th Battalion

The 2/6th King's followed up the 8th Battalion on the morning of the 18th, and spent that night at Flers. Moving on through Willems and Les Empires they passed through the 8th Battalion on the morning of the 21st October. At 10 a.m. the battalion advanced, and immediately came under heavy machine-gun and rifle-fire. After a day of confused fighting, during which house to house scrapping took place, the battalion was forced, at about 9 p.m., to consolidate its positions, which were short of its objectives, though considerable progress had been made in the face of intense machine-gun fire and continuous artillery and trench-mortar shelling. The next morning patrols reported that Froyennes was clear of the enemy, and the advance was continued until the line of the canal was reached. It was then found that there were no bridges over the canal, and at 3.30 p.m. the line of the Tournai–Pont-a-Chin Road was consolidated. On the 23rd the battalion was relieved by the 2/7th King's and withdrew to billets at Le Cornet, for the possession of which a struggle with another unit ensued, which was only won by the King's after reference to Divisional H.Q. Captain J. C. Clark, Second-Lieut. E. A. Waln, and nine other ranks were killed and twenty-five other ranks wounded between the 21st and 23rd October. On the 29th the 2/6th King's went back to Lille, and were billetted in the Faubourg de Fives when the Armistice was signed.

11th November

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CHAPTER XLV

THE 17TH KING'S IN RUSSIA

OCTOBER TO SEPTEMBER 1918–1919

EARLY in the spring of 1918, when the fate of Russia was still in the melting pot, and the prospects of an allied victory in the West were so remote that no one contemplated its accomplishment before 1919 at the earliest, the danger of Germany securing relief from the blockade by exploiting the natural resources of Russia was a very real one. Intervention was possible at two points, the northern coast of Russia in Europe, and Eastern Siberia. Great Britain had particular interest in any expedition to Archangel and Murmansk, for these reasons: Firstly, because any such expedition would be very largely dependent upon naval support, secondly because there was an enormous quantity of British stores already at Archangel, and thirdly because of the danger of Germany establishing a submarine base at Murmansk.

It is not expedient in such a personal story as a regimental history to take up space in explaining the extremely complicated political situation into the midst of which the British troops were flung. During 1918 and 1919 we find fighting in this area British, American, French, Italian and Serbian troops, and there were White Russians, Red Russians, Karelians, Germans, White Finns and Red Finns, and the front itself was in many places undefinable. It will be sufficient to tell shortly the story of how the King's men did their duty under the most trying conditions and uncertain circumstances.

1st October, 1918 — The 1st of October found the 17th King's in Mytchett Camp at Aldershot, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Pitts. On the 5th they entrained for Glasgow, and on the 11th they commenced their voyage on H.M.T. "Keemun," escorted by two destroyers.

17th October — On the 17th they arrived at Murmansk, where they joined the "Syren" portion of the North Russia Expeditionary Force. At Murmansk the King's were transferred to H.M.T's. "Goentoer" and "Asturian," in which they proceeded to Archangel.

4th November — On November 4th the 17th King's, with the exception of "B" Company (Captain R. G. Smerdon and 190 other ranks) who were left on duty at the machine-gun school at Archangel, found themselves in barracks at "Economia." On the 14th "C" Company, consisting of two officers and 200 other ranks, was detached for duty with the Dvina River Force and left by rail for Berezniki. On the 21st "D" Company, two officers and 160 other ranks, proceeded by train to join the Vologda Force for temporary attachment to the Seletskoe detachment. It will be seen that the battalion was already split up and, as the

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companies were continually moving about on their own, it is impossible to give any connected story of their adventures. That their life was not uneventful, even when out of the line, is evidenced by the following entry in the war diary: "December 12th. This company received instructions from G.H.Q. to place under arrest the 1st Company Archangel Regiment, which had refused to proceed to the front."

5th December — On December 5th and 6th "D" Company carried out an operation to forestall a Bolshevic attack on Tarassova.

The company, under the command of Capt. E. A. Dickson, M.C., and consisting of two officers, seventy-six other ranks, and thirty partisans, made a wide detour of sixteen versts through virgin forest without tracks, during the night, and arrived at 6.30 a.m. about four hundred yards behind the enemy's position. A blockhouse was captured, and the enemy lost seven killed and four prisoners. A little later eighteen limbers, three cookers, twenty-two horses and two machine-guns were captured, and more prisoners taken. Complete success was not, however, obtained because the flanking attacks of the partisans failed to materialise, and because all Lewis-guns were out of action owing to snow getting into the working parts. The casualties incurred were: one officer (Second-Lieut. A. Cousins, M.M.) wounded, six other ranks killed, four wounded and one missing.

7th February, 1919 — On February 7th "B" Company took part, in co-operation with a French "Coureurs des Bois" Company, in an attack upon Avda. The operation was not successful; Second-Lieut. E. A. Stephenson was wounded and missing, whilst one other rank was killed and four wounded. Two days later the enemy captured the right blockhouse of this company, and killed the entire garrison, with the exception of one man, who was apparently taken prisoner.

The last action in which the King's appear to have taken part was in May, when "C" Company, on duty with the Dvina River Force, was engaged in the defence of Malaya-Bereznik against strong enemy attacks. The company captured forty-two of the enemy, and lost one other rank killed and four

June 1919 — wounded. About the middle of June parties of King's men started going home to be demobilised, and the battalion gradually disintegrated, until the final cadre left for home at the beginning of September.

During their period of service in North Russia the following honours and awards were given to the 17th King's:—

The Order of St. Stanislav, Second Class:
Capt. R. G. Smerdon, M.C.

The Order of St. Stanislav, Second Class, with Swords:
Capt. E. A. Dickson, M.C.; Capt. J. Hodgson.

The Order of St. Anne, Second Class, with Swords:
Major G. H. Wilmer, D.S.O., M.C.

The Order of St. Anne, Third Class, with Swords and Ribbon:
Lieut. J. A. Fisher; Lieut. F. R. Milligan.

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Military Medal (immediate award for gallantry):
Corporal Hearnshaw.

Military Cross:
Second-Lieut. L. N. Worgan; Second-Lieut. S. G. Dudley.

In addition, the St. George's Cross of the Fourth Class was awarded to seven other ranks; the Military Medal to nine other ranks; and the Meritorious Service Medal to five other ranks.

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CHAPTER XLVI

THE 2ND BATTALION IN INDIA

THE 2nd Battalion of the King's was stationed at Peshawar when War broke out, and there was great dismay when it was learnt that the Frontier-Division was to remain and guard the frontiers of India. Although greater glory was, perhaps, to be gained in France, the importance of the work carried out by the King's in India must not be underestimated.

The danger of an invasion through the northern gateway was always present, and the task of keeping it closed was by no means a quiet or easy duty —as the story of the 2nd King's will show.

April 1915

In April, 1915, the Mohmand tribe from across the Frontier commenced raids on British territory. The 2nd King's were despatched with the Khyber Movable Column to combat this. On April 18th a considerable action was fought against these tribesmen; all companies of the battalion were in action, and their discipline and steady fire checked the enemy's advance, and caused him considerable casualties.

The presence of the battalion was an unexpected surprise for the Mohmands, and that night the entire enemy force withdrew into their mountain fastnesses.

The casualties in this action in the brigade were: three British officers killed and two wounded; two British other ranks killed and five wounded.

An Indian regiment suffered severely, having over 200 casualties. Of the above casualties the battalion had one soldier killed, and one officer (Major R. P. Fox) and three soldiers wounded.

The small number of casualties in the battalion were a tribute to the discipline and high standard of training of all ranks.

As British territory had been cleared of the invader, the column was

August 1915

withdrawn to Peshawar. In August, 1915, as a result of enemy agents, the tribesmen, who were restless, began giving trouble along the North-West Frontier.

The Khyber Column was sent out again at very short notice on the 29th. The march proved a most trying one, even to the seasoned soldiers of the battalion, on account of its length, made in heavy equipment during the afternoon of one of the hottest days of an Indian summer.

The heat was terrific, and three men died and 75 were incapacitated from heat stroke.

The column formed an entrenched camp beyond the Cabul River,

5th September

opposite the Mohmand country. On September 5th was fought the biggest Frontier action for over thirty years.

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The force, estimated at 18,000 Mohmands and Shinawaris, who had invaded our territory, was attacked by the Peshawar Division near Suban Kawar.

The 2nd King's were given a most difficult objective and bore the brunt of the fight. As before, their conduct was exemplary. The hostile positions were naturally strong, and the battalion suffered heavily in casualties. The enemy casualties were estimated at over 1,000, the rifles and Maxims of the King's being responsible for a large number of those. This action was also fought in intense heat, and men suffered much from the lack of water. Major H. L. Wright was wounded in this operation.

After this, the column was engaged in destroying villages and crops until October, when a fresh concentration of 10,000 tribesmen brought on another action. On October 5th, the hostile position was again attacked. The King's, as before, led the attack. This time, luckily, the enemy resistance was feeble and casualties were slight.

After this action, the enemy dispersed to their own country, but the column remained beyond the Cabul River till relieved at the end of the year.

The latter half of 1916 saw the battalion across the Cabul River again. This 1916
time they were engaged in a blockade of the Mohmand country, forming blockhouses and erecting wire, destroying villages and crops, frequently sniped by day and usually by night.

Companies and platoons used to have fights almost daily. On November 16th, a brigade action took place with several hundred tribesmen. During this period all ranks suffered much from fever. At the end of the year the Column was relieved.

During 1917, N.C.O.s from the battalion were in great request as 1917
instructors for new formations. Over 100 were sent to units in Mesopotamia, newly raised Indian battalions, and Persian Rifles. Almost all who survived received decorations.

At the end of the year the battalion was transferred to Quetta, and early
in 1918 took part in the operations against the Marri tribe. 1918

The Armistice of 1918 was not allowed to interfere with the training of the battalion. Consequently, when in May, 1919, the Afghans invaded India, the standard of discipline and efficiency of the battalion was in no way impaired. They were ready to take the field at once as the most efficient force on the frontier, and with a Baluchi regiment and a Pack Battery, they were sent on a Special Column up to the Toba Plateau, 8,000 feet high, and overlooking five large concentration camps of Afghan troops.

These gentry had a very wholesome fear of The King's and usually departed rearwards after a few rounds. The Afghan Armistice was concluded before the column could bring off the intended coup. The battalion moved back to Quetta and demobilisation commenced.

Early in 1920, those who remained were moved to Khartoum in the 1920
Soudan, where the battalion was re-formed.

Although the 2nd Battalion, in spite of its efficiency, was denied a place on the larger fronts in the Great War, it saw much more fighting than any other

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unit in India. Its casualties were few, thanks chiefly to the high standard of training.

Both in Peace and War the battalion displayed the greatest heroism and devotion to duty.

Of those on leave at home in 1914 (six officers), three commanded the 1st King's.

Those other Officers and N.C.O.s of the battalion who proceeded to units on other fronts fully upheld the traditions of the regiment, and the same must be said of all ranks who had the opportunity in India.

Although not serving with the King's at the time, mention must be made of the Victoria Cross awarded to Captain O. A. Reid, of the 2nd Battalion, for conspicuous bravery in Mesopotamia.

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CHAPTER XLVII

THE ARMISTICE

ON November 11th the Armistice was signed, and although we now regard this date as marking the end of the Great War, we must bear in mind that, at the time, it was only the beginning of a cessation of hostilities for a definite period of thirty-six days. To the trained mind of a soldier, the work was not complete, and that is perhaps partly the reason why the entries in the Battalion Diaries for November 11th are so matter-of-fact, and lacking in the hysterical jubilation which was manifested by the people and the press at home. With the exception of the 2nd Battalion in India, the 3rd Battalion in Cork, and the 17th Battalion in North Russia, all the remaining battalions of the King's were in France or Belgium on the first Armistice Day, and their actual positions are shown on Map V. In the hopes that it may prove of interest, the entries or extracts from entries, in the Battalion Diaries are tabulated below, together with the places at which the battalions were on this date. The actual words, written at the time, are given:—

November 11th

1st King's, Preux-au-Sart—
"Practised a 'Feu de Joie'—performance most creditable after four years."

4th King's, Sassignies—
"The news was received very quietly in the battalion. The morning was devoted to testing of small box respirators."

5th King's, Ath—
"The battalion continued its march and entered Ath, amidst most enthusiastic scenes. The Band played National Anthems of all the Allies in the Grand Place."

6th King's. On Leuze–Ath road—
"At 11 a.m. the battalion halted and the bugles blew 'CEASE FIRE.' battalion resumed the march. . . ."

2nd/6th King's, Faubourg de Fives, Lille—
"Battalion drill and general training. 11 a.m. Commencement of Armistice."

7th Kings, Ligne—
"Shortly after 10 a.m. it was announced that an Armistice had been signed, and that hostilities would cease at 11 a.m. After 11 a.m. the battalion moved off to billets in Lanquesaint."

2nd/7th Kings, Faubourg de Fives, Lille—
"Hostilities ceased—very little excitement. Nobody took very much notice, and the day passed much as usual."

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8th King's, Hellemes—
"Armistice signed."
9th King's, Hellemes—
"The usual training was carried out. On the morning of the 11th official news was received that an Armistice had been signed, duration of which was thirty-six days. Before marching off from the parade ground the C.O. addressed all ranks, informing them of the historical event."
10th King's, Villers Notre Dame—
"At 10.30 a.m. an officer reported that he had seen the official news that the Armistice had been signed. Great excitement prevailed amongst the troops. The pipers played up and down the village, and all the church bells in the district started ringing. . . ."
"*Note.*—We heard officially during the day that the Armistice had been signed."
12th King's, St. Waast-le-Vallee—
"At 7.30 a.m., 11th inst., message from XVII Corps received *via* brigade that hostilities will cease at 11 a.m. to-day—line reached at that hour by advanced troops to remain stationary. At 14.30 battalion marched to Feignies. . . ."
13th King's, Le Grand Sart—
"Cessation of hostilities at 11.00 hrs. General cleaning up of limbers, transport and billets. Lecture by Divisional Educational Officer."
18th (Lancs. Hussars Yeomanry) Battalion, the King's, Vieux Sart—
"The battalion was billetted in farm houses in the neighbourhood of our outpost line."
17th King's, "Economia," N. Russia—
"Companies bathed in the barracks baths."
25th King's, Velaines—
"11.15. Wire received: Hostilities will cease at 11.00 to-day.
"12.00. Battalion paraded in Château grounds and above telegram read out."

The entry in the diary of the 2/7th King's, "Hostilities ceased—very little excitement—nobody took very much notice, and the day passed much as usual" can probably be taken as a typical expression of the feelings of the majority of the troops in the front lines.

Why should there have been this apparent apathy amongst the fighting men when throughout the back areas, and on the home fronts, scenes of almost fanatical rejoicing and revelry were taking place?

The reason may be found partly in the fact that they were tired—dog-tired—and partly, no doubt, that the sudden silence after years of continuous pandemonium produced an almost stupefying effect upon their minds. But this does not explain all, because, after they had had time to realise that their dangers and discomforts were at an end, they went silently and efficiently forward to the completion of their job. Men who have lived together for

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months and years in the close companionship of death become different, and perhaps, they knew sub-consciously, even on that day, that the links of perfect comradeship, forged by a common endeavour, must inevitably be broken.

The balance sheet of War is heavily weighted on the debit side. There is no entry on the credit side, beyond a memory shared by those who lived and fought together. It is a memory of noble living, when self came last, and every hour brought forth examples of man's highest qualities.

Those who remained are now widely scattered, and each man has to face the difficulties which confront him alone.

But the spirit of regimental comradeship still lives, and the memories revived by each successive Armistice Day, and by the yearly gatherings of Old Comrades must often prove a source of strength, and an incentive to ensure that those who died did not die in vain.

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CHAPTER XLVIII

CONCLUSION

AFTER the stirring events of heroism and adventure which have filled the preceding pages of this history, it would be descending from the sublime to the ridiculous to tell at any length the story of the months which passed before the survivors were taken back once more into civil life.

It is a sad story of the gradual breaking-up of families, who, under the levelling and inspiring emergencies of War had, throughout months and years, built up a tradition and esprit-de-corps which had become more binding upon their members than, perhaps, any other considerations in life.

They had set forth upon the adventure a brotherhood of men, bound together by the ties of common endeavour and of regimental pride. They returned, for the most part, in small parties, or even as single individuals. The days which immediately followed the Armistice were spent in training and recreation—the army was keeping itself fit and ready to continue its work if necessary. Then when it became quite clear that hostilities would not be resumed, more attention was paid to educational work, and the first parties of "key men" began to go home for demobilisation. Slowly at first, and then faster and faster as the year 1919 progressed, the battalions disintegrated until there was only mere skeletons left. Finally, these cadres, usually consisting of two or three officers and a score or so of men, also sailed for home.

There were exceptions. The 1st and 13th Battalions marched on into Germany and remained there as part of the Army of Occupation. The 25th Battalion, after a period of work at demobilisation camps in Dunkirk and Calais, sailed for Egypt on the 29th of May, 1919.

By the end of April the cadres of the 12th and 18th Battalions had sailed for home. By the end of May the 1/5th, 1/6th, 2/6th, 1/7th, 2/7th and 8th Battalions had ceased to exist save for a handful of men. The 1/10th, who had been doing dispatch division work at Antwerp since March, 1919, had by September 30th demobilised thirty-eight officers and 812 other ranks.

The 4th Battalion, from January to June, formed part of the dispatch division at Havre; from July to November they were employed in the Douai area in clearing up the country and collecting war material.

On November 5th, 1919, they went down to Boulogne, and started being demobilised. Their final cadre sailed on November 23rd, 1919, for home.

The 25th Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel G. H. M. Richey, D.S.O., spent the remainder of the year 1919 at Kantara, finding guards and working parties. Early in 1920 demobilisation was in full swing, and on the 4th of February the final cadre left for Port Said, and home.

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The 13th King's marched into Germany with the 3rd Division and were for some time stationed at Beuel under the command of Colonel H. C. Potter, C.M.G., D.S.O. There they carried out ordinary garrison duties until, in October, 1919, they were disbanded, many of the men being drafted into the young soldiers' battalions, the 51st, 52nd and 53rd, which had come out to the Rhine early in 1919.

It is difficult to write much about the 3rd Battalion which formed, throughout the War, a movable depot, the population of which was constantly changing. The battalion spent 1914 and the early part of 1915 in Sniggery Camp, Hightown, outside Liverpool. In the spring of 1915 it moved to Pembroke Dock, where it remained until it proceeded to Ireland, and was quartered in Cork Barracks. The battalion was in Cork when the Armistice was signed, and remained there until February, 1919, when it was sent back to England, and went into camp at Rushmoor, Aldershot. It consisted at this time of some hundreds of officers and thousands of men, and was gradually reduced throughout the next six months, until in July and August it merged into the new 1st Battalion, which was being re-organised under the command of Lieut.-Colonel C. I. Steavenson, C.B., C.M.G.

The 1st King's started moving forward towards the Rhine almost immediately after the Armistice was signed, and on December 11th, 1918, they crossed the German frontier. The entry in the Regimental Diary reads: "December 11th. We marched over the German border at 8.40 a.m. One hundred yards short of the border the battalion halted in column of route. Bayonets were fixed and the Colours uncased. The battalion then presented arms and gave three cheers; arms were then sloped, and the battalion marched over the frontier 'at ease'."

The 1st King's spent about five months in Germany, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel D. M. King, D.S.O., firstly at Duren and secondly at Berg Neukirchen.

On March 17th, 1919, the battalion began to be broken up, and Lieut.-Colonel King handed over his command. In the course of his farewell order he made the following remarks: "Now comes a critical period in the history of the regiment. Many King's men have already returned to civilian life, and more will be going shortly. Others have been transferred to the 13th Battalion of the regiment. A small cadre is to go back to England to form the nucleus of the new 1st Battalion. Our future success will rest largely with those who go home with the Colours. I feel sure that we have added something to our splendid tradition, and the secret of our success has lain in the united front we present to all who challenge us. Friends and foes have learnt to appreciate the 'Esprit-de-Corps' and combination of 'The King's,' and this spirit must be passed on."

The final cadre, which sailed for home at the end of April, 1919, consisted of six officers and seventy-six other ranks under the command of Capt. F. R. Hutson..

On their arrival in Liverpool they were given a tremendous welcome

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and, after being inspected by the Lord Mayor of the City, were entertained by him to dinner in the Town Hall.

Two short quotations from the speeches at this dinner will serve to show what this occasion meant to the regiment and to the City of Liverpool. The Lord Mayor said: "From August, 1914, when the 1st Battalion went out to serve, right through the whole War, and when the other battalions of the Territorials and New Army followed, they had all kept up the continuity of good service. With all battalions of the King's the one idea had been not only to do honour to the City from which they came, and the name of which they bore, but also to keep up the traditions made in the past by the King's (Liverpool) Regiment."

Sir Archibald Salvidge said: "The men of the 1st King's (Liverpool) Regiment are not being allowed to come home from the War in that cloud of mystery and silence which surrounded them when they went forth from their native City and from their native country to the great adventure five years ago..... By the great glory they have won for their regiment they have brought undying fame to the City from which that regiment derives its name, and I feel that, as a public man of that City, it is a great privilege and a great honour to recognise them this evening."

With these words of thanks and praise in their ears—words which they received on behalf of their thousands of comrades alive and dead—the little nucleus of the new King's (Liverpool) Regiment passed, later in the evening, through the gates of the Depot at Seaforth.

And so ended another chapter in a story already more than two hundred years old.

APPENDIX I

Extract from *London Gazette*, 22nd May, 1918.
94081, Private J. T. Counter, 1st Battalion Liverpool Regiment.
Theatre—Nr. Boisleux St. Marc, France, 16.4.18.

"For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

"It was necessary for information to be obtained from the front line, in which the enemy had effected a lodgment. The only way was from the support line along a sunken road, and thence down a forward slope for about 250 yards with no cover, in full view of the enemy, and swept by their machine-gun and rifle-fire. After a small party had tried unsuccessfully (the leader having been killed and another wounded before leaving the sunken road) it was thought that a single man had more chance of getting through. This was attempted five times, but on each occasion the runner was killed in full view of the position from which he had started.

"Private Counter, who was near his officer at the time, and had seen the five runners killed one after the other, then volunteered to carry the message. He went out under terrific fire and succeeded in getting through. He then returned, carrying with him the vital information with regard to the estimated

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number of enemy in our line, the exact position of our flank, and the remaining strength of our troops. This information enabled his commanding officer to organise and launch the final counter-attack, which succeeded in regaining the whole of our position.

"Subsequently, this man carried back five messages across the open under a heavy artillery barrage to Company Headquarters. Private Counter's extraordinary courage in facing almost certain death because he knew that it was vital that the message should be carried produced a most excellent impression on his young and untried companions."

Extract from the *London Gazette*, 8th June, 1917.
Captain Oswald Austin Reid, 2nd Bn. The King's, attd. 6th Bn., L.N. Lan. Regt.
Action at Dialah River, Mesopotamia, 8th–10th March, 1917.

"For most conspicuous bravery in the face of desperate circumstances.

"By his dauntless courage and gallant leadership he was able to consolidate a small post with the advanced troops, on the opposite side of a river to the main body, after his line of communications had been cut by the sinking of the pontoons. He maintained this position for thirty hours against constant attacks by bombs, machine-gun and shell-fire, with the full knowledge that repeated attempts at relief had failed, and that his ammunition was all but exhausted. It was greatly due to his tenacity that the passage of the river was effected on the following night.

"During the operations he was wounded."

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THE KING'S REGIMENT (LIVERPOOL)

CASUALTIES

JANUARY 1917 TO
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THE KING'S REGIMENT (LIVERPOOL)—CASUALTIES

OFFICERS

(The Theatre of War is France and Flanders unless otherwise indicated.)
"k" = killed in action. "d" = died of wounds. "d.h." = died, home.

NOTE.—Small number before name denotes Battalion.

9 Adams, Arthur Marston, M.C., 2/Lt., d., 20/9/17.
9 Alty, Daniel, 2/Lt., k., 9/9/18.
9 Alty, Henry, D.C.M., 2/Lt., d., 30/9/18.
17 Ashcroft, Edward Stanley, Lt. (Tp.), d., 12/5/18 (P. of W.).
19 Ashcroft, William, Lt. (Tp.), k., 22/3/18.
10 Astley, Christopher Basil, Lt., d., 27/7/18.
1 Atkinson, Fred., M.C., Temp. Capt., k., 27-30/9/18 (att. 9th).
17 Averill, Thomas Hanson, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 30/8/17.
1 Baird, William, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 15/9/18.
18 Baker, Harry Leslie, M.C., Temp. Lt., k., 8/11/18.
10 Bardswell, Hamilton Ainsworth, 2/Lt., k., 30/11/17.
19 Barlow, Percy, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 15/11/17.
17 Barnes, Aubrey, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 22/3/18.
7 Barnett, Allan Gerrard, Lt., k., 22/8/17 (and Tank Corps).
13 Barratt, John Leslie, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 27/9/17.
6 Barrett, Reginald James, Lt., k., 21/8/18.
6 Burton, Geoffrey Bunnell, Lt., d., 3/8/17.
6 Burton, Kenrick Hammond, Lt., k., 16/6/18.
17 Beaumont, Eric Paton, M.C., Temp. Lt., d., 2/4/18.
1 Beesley, Edwin, M.C., Temp. 2/Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 27/9/18.
11 Bennett, Henry Ryan, Capt. (Tp.), k., 23/3/18.
17 Berry, James Frederick Williamson, Lt. (Tp.), died, 22/11/18.
18 Bigg, Albert Charles, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 31/7/17.
20 Black, David Hammond, 2/Lt., k., 8/5/18.
Blake, Reginald Howard, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 1/6/18.
Bloom, Bertram, 2/Lt. (Tp.), died, 30/6/18.
17 Bloore, Ronald Henry, Temp. Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 28/4/18.
8 Bodel, Frederick Ernest, M.C., Capt., k., 31/7/17.
19 Booth, Arthur Wilfrid, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 22/3/18.
Bourke, James Gay Shute, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 15/4/18 (att. 1st R. Warwicks.).
13 Bowman, Henry Arthur, 2/Lt., k., 28/3/18.
Bowring, Frank Harvey, Major (Tp.), k., 28/8/18 (att. 9th Bn.).
7 Bradbury, John Cregean, Lt., d., 6/10/18.
13 Bramley, Harry Brian, 2/Lt. (Tp.), d., 15/7/18.
8 Brewerton, Robert Henry, Lt., k., 30/4/18.
7 Brock, Eric George, M.C., Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 31/7/17.
3 Broadhurst, Cecil Howard, 2/Lt., d. 1/12/17.
10 Bruce, P. T., Lt., died, 30/5/18 (R.A.F.).
14 Callaghan, Arthur Nickson, Temp. Lt., k., 30/8/17.
12 Carefull, John Holt, Temp. Capt., k., 21/3/18.
Carline, Thomas, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 30/9/18 (att. 15th Lan. Fusiliers).
Carr, John Cory, Capt. & Qr. Mr., k., 21/10/18 (att. 2/5th Bn.).
5 Cartman, James Victor, 2/Lt , k., 19/6/18.
13 Challener, Percival Crawley, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 12/12/17.
12 Charsley, Reginald Burton, Temp. Major, k., 30/11/17.
17 Chavasse, Aidan, Lt., k., 4/7/17.
7 Chinnery, Reginald Charles, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
10 Clark, Fred Sumner, 2/Lt., k., 14/10/18.
13 Clark, Archibald Strachan, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 8/10/18.
10 Coddington, Charles Ernest, 2/Lt., k., 4/12/17 (R.F.C.).
6 Collinge, Wharton Rye, Lt., d., 7/8/17.
6 Conibear, Arthur Edward, 2/Lt., d., 14/10/17.
12 Cooke, Harold Esmond, Capt., k., 30/11/17.
18 Copland, George Harold, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
13 Corrigan, Francis Stanislaus, Lt. (Tp.), k., 31/8/18.
8 Cottier, Walter Kaneen, 2/Lt., died, 23/8/18.
6 Cowman, Frederick Gregory, D.C.M., 2/Lt., k., 28/9/18.
5 Craig, William Younger, Lt., k., 20/9/17.
10 Craige, George, 2/Lt., died, 28/10/18.
10 Crighton, Harold Reginald, 2/Lt., k., 10/4/18.
17 Crook, Harry, 2/Lt., d., 20/4/18.
1 Crosby, John Claude Parry, 2/Lt. (Tp.), d., 21/1/18.
11 Crundwell, Alan, Lt., k., 23/3/18.
8 Daniels, George, 2/Lt., k., 20/11/17.
9 Darling, Robert. M.C., Lt., k., 16/9/18,
13 Dawson, Norman Curry, Temp. Lt., k., 28/3/18.
20 Dean, Thomas Albert Wray, 2/Lt., d., 8/5/18.
5 Dey, Herman Francis, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
10 Dickinson, Alan Piele, Capt., d., 1/6/18.
11 Dickson, Robert Maxwell, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 22/3/18 (att. 8th Bn. The Rifle Brigade).
17 Dimond, Francis Robert, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
13 Dines, Joseph, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 27/9/18.
Dinnen, Campbell Hackwood, Capt., k., 4/3/18 (and W. Afr. R.).
12 Dow, John, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 25/3/18.
10 Douglas, William Robert, 2/Lt., k., 5/10/18.
17 Draper, Arnold Inman, Temp. Major, k., 21/10/17.
8 Duder, Harvey Steevens, Capt., k., 31/7/17.
10 Duncan, Kenneth William Allen, 2/Lt., k., 8/5/18.
7 Duncan, Malcolm, 2/Lt., d., 21/9/17.
8 Duncan, Walter, Lt., died, 19/12/18.
6 Eastwood, Donald, Capt., k., 20/9/17.
Edwards, Frederick Thomas, M.C., Temp. 2/Lt., k., 20/10/18.
7 Elliott, Thomas Nichol, 2/Lt., k., 11/4/18.
7 Ellis, William, 2/Lt., k., 29/7/18.
1 Erskine, Neil, 2/Lt., d., 23/8/18.
5 Evans, Hugh George, 2/Lt., k., 4/9/18.
5 Faulkner, Charles Edward Arthur, 2/Lt., d., 19/9/18.
9 Fausset, Stewart Simon, Lt., k., 31/7/17.8
8 Fenn, John Edmund, M.C., Lt., k., 9/4/1.
2 Fieldhouse, Walter Benjamin, Temp. 2/Lt., died, 1/11/18.
6 Fitzgerald, Herbert, 2/Lt., k., 9/4/18.
13 Foster, Leslie Arthur Clifford, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 12/4/18.
10 Fox, Leslie William, Capt., k., 31/7/17.
1 Fraser, Campbell Robertson, 2/Lt., k., 17/4/18.
15 Freedman, Bertie, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 3/7/17 (att. 1/9th Man. Regt.).
17 Friend, James Bertie, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 21/8/18.
Garland, Cecil William Robert, 2/Lt., k., 20/2/18 (att. 1/7th Bn.).
3 Gibb, George Calder, 2/Lt., k., 17/4/18 (att. 4th Bn.).
9 Gibson, Alexander Douglas, Lt., k., 11/9/18.
17 Gill, Rowland, M.C., M.M., 2/Lt., k., 19/4/18.
10 Gledsdale, Arthur, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
Goldspink, Edward Newell, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
18 Graham, William James, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 21/7/17.
5 Greenwood, Tom, 2/Lt., k., 31/8/18.
10 Gray, Peter, 2/Lt., k., 18/6/18.
13 Grierson, John, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 21/3/18.
6 Griffin, Edward Stanley, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
11 Griffiths, John Joseph, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 23/3/18.
10 Grossart, Archibald Campbell, 2/Lt., k., 23/7/18.
7 Grove, Ernest Richard, 2/ Lt., k., 10/2/18.
3 Hampson, Frank, 2/Lt., k., 30/11/17.
1 Hannah, John George, 2/Lt., d., 30/11/17.

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9 **Hansen, Carl Frederick Vilhelm, Lt., d., 31/7/17** (M.G.C.).
5 **Harding, Eric Stanley Milthrop, Lt., k., 6/7/17.**
11 Hardman, Tom Walker, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 18/7/17.
4 Harper, Gordon Phillip, 2/Lt., k., 29/9/18.
6 **Harris, Arthur Stanley, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.**
Harrison, Frank Cyril, Temp. 2/Lt., d., 4/5/18 (att. 1/5th Bn.).
3 Harrison, George Victor, M.C., Lt., d., 26/8/18 (att. 1st Bn.).
17 Harrop, Tom, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 28/4/18.
5 **Hawkes, Percival Warburton, Capt., k., 9/4/18.**
Hawksworth, Stanley Harcourt, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 20/9/17.
3 Hayes, Leo John, 2/Lt., k., 10/10/18.
3 Head, Raymond Evelyn, M.C., Lt. (A/Capt.), died, 24/11/18.
12 Heatley, Leonard, Temp. Capt., d., 17/8/17.
17 Henry, Norman, M.C., Temp. Capt., k., 8/5/18.
12 Hepworth, Henry James Jephson, 2/Lt., k., 16/8/17.
18 Hewett, Ernest Arthur Frederick, 2/Lt., k., 28/3/18 (att 2nd Essex Regt.).
9 **Hickson, James Ferguson, 2/Lt., d., 31/7/17.**
Higgins, Stanley, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 28/9/18.
13 Hillyer, Philip Charles, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 31/8/18.
5 Hitch, G. S., Lt., died, 9/11/18 (R.A.F.).
5 **Hobson, Nathaniel James Fennel, Lt., drowned, 10/10/18.**
4 Hodgson, Richard Everleigh, Lt., k., 16/9/18 (and R.A.F.).
10 Holford, Leonard Brocklesby, 2/Lt., d., 20/2/19.
12 Horsfall, Robert Elcum, Temp. Capt., k., 20/11/17.
3 Horton, Frank, M.C., 2/Lt., drowned, 10/10/18.
9 **Hoskyn, John Henry, 2/Lt., k., 20/9/17.**
19 Hough, Eric Bernard, Capt., k., 29/4/18.
Howson, C. J., Lt., died, 5/7/18 (and R.A.F.).
Hughes, Albert Edward, 2/Lt., k., 4/8/18 (att. 1/9th Bn.).
3 Hughes, Edward John, M.C., Lt., k., 20/10/18 (att. 13th R.W. Fus.).
12 Hughes, William George, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 23/7/18.
3 Hulme, Wilfred, Lt., died, 14/11/18 (att. 6th T.M.B.).
9 Hurst, Richard Henry, 2/Lt., k., 29/9/18.
6 Hutchinson, Ambrose, Lt., k., 19/1/18.
1 Jefferson, E. B. B., Capt., killed, 15/5/19 (att. R.A.F.).
5 Jenkins, Richard Owen, M.C., 2/Lt., d., 21/9/17.
3 Jervis, Arthur Cyril, Lt. (Temp. Capt.), k., 3/7/18 (att. K.A. Rifles).
8 **Johnson, James Alexander Campbell, Capt., k., 21/8/18.**
12 Johnston, Alexander Vyvyan, Temp. Lt., k., 18/8/17.
6 Jones, Albert, Capt., k., 9/4/18.
17 Joseph, John Herbert, Temp. Capt., k., 1/8/17.
8 Keating, Robert Pears, Capt., k., 18/7/17.
10 Kellie, William Reid, 2/Lt., k., 18/6/18.
1/2Kinnear, J. L., D.S.O., M.C., Major, killed, 28/4/18 (and R.A.F.).
7 Knox, Thomas Cowe, 2/Lt., k., 19/8/18.
19 Laird, Colin, Temp. Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 20/9/17.
9 Lamont, Alexander, 2/Lt., drowned, 10/10/18.
18 Lane, Frank Ashton, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
Last, Ernest Reginald, M.C., Capt., k., 24/3/18.
18 Lawson, Joseph, Temp. Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 22/3/18.
9 Leaning, Reginald William, 2/Lt., killed, 31/5/18.
Leatherland, Percy John, Temp. 2/Lt., drowned, 10/10/18 (att. 3rd Bn.).
8 Lee, James Francis, 2/Lt., k., 11/9/18.
18 Lee, Robert Carswell, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 4/11/18 (att. 10th Lan. Fus.).
8 Leech, Harry, Major, k., 31/7/17.
1 Long, Frederick Edward, M.C., Temp. Capt., k., 24/8/17.
8 **Lowe, Ronald Charles, Lt., d., 18/8/18 (in German hands).**
8 Lunn, Frank Victor, 2/Lt., k., 31/5/18.
8 McCabe, Daniel James Bernard, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17
McCarthy, David, M.C., Lt., k., 7/10/18.
10 McCallum, Charles, 2/Lt., died, 6/11/18.
19 McHale, John Richard Jarlath, Temp. Lt., k., 24/3/18.
5 McHale, George Nolan, 2/Lt., k., 20/9/17.
7 Mackenzie, Cyril Atkinson, Capt., k., 24/12/17.
10 MacSwiney, Joseph Ray, Lt., died, 2/11/18.
20 Maddock, Sidney Alfred, Temp. Lt., died, 1/12/18 (att. K. African Rifles).
3 Makinson, Frederick, 2/Lt., k., 14/4/18.
6 Marsden, Harold, 2/Lt., d., 14/8/17.
Marshall, H., Temp. 2/Lt., d., 5/11/18 (att. 1/5th Bn.).
11 Marshall, William Cornelius, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 29/9/18.
20 Mather, Robert, Temp 2/Lt., k., 27/3/18.
5 Meade, Michael, M.C. Capt., k., 9/4/18.
6 **Milroy, Alexander Anderson, 2/Lt., d., 4/7/18.**
10 Moffat, John Everard, 2/Lt., k., 9/4/18.
8 Mogridge, L., 2/Lt., k., 12/4/18 (att. R.A.F.
8 Moran, John, 2/Lt., died, 7/6/18.
1 Morgan, Victor Harold, Temp. Lt., k., 6/9/17 (Garr. Bn.).
1 Morrison, Leslie, Capt., k., 25/3/18 (att. 1/7th Lan. Fus.).
8 Mountfield, Robert Noel, Capt., d., 5/11/17.
8 Moyniham, Michael John, Lt., d., 3/6/18.
8 Munro, William, 2/Lt., k., 29/4/18.
10 Myles, Alfred Thomas Charles, 2/Lt., k., 2/7/18.
Nelson, William Jackson, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 27-30/9/18 (att. 9th Bn.).
4 Nichols, Arthur Robert, M.C., Capt., k., 23/10/18.
20 Nickel, George Gaston, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
5 Oates, Herbert Prudent, 2/Lt., k., 20/9/17.
7 O'Neill, Alfred Edward, 2/Lt., d., 23/9/17.
1/2Openshaw, Fred, Temp. 2/Lt., d., 8/10/18 (att. 8th Bn.).
8 Orchard, Ernest Frank Gordon, Lt., k., 31/7/17.
18 Orme, Alfred Lyth, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
9 **Owens, Fredrick Gordon, Major, died, 4/10/18.**
Parberry, Ernest, 2/Lt., k., 27/9/18 (att. 1st North. Fus.).
Parkin, Thomas Henry, Lt. (Temp. Capt.), d., 4/10/18.
Parkinson, Albert, 2/Lt., k., 9/4/18 (att. 1/5th Bn.).
12 Parle, John Audley, M.C., 2/Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 30/11/17
7 **Pate, George Clarence, 2/Lt., k., 18/9/18.**
10 **Paterson, Edward Labarte, 2/Lt., d., 23/10/18.**
12 **Percy, Raymond, Lt. (A/Capt.), d., 12/8/18.**
17 Peters, Cyril Aubrey, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 4/7/17.
6 Phillips, Norman Rutherford, 2/Lt., k., 20/9/17.
6 Phillips, Thomas, M.C., D.C.M., Lt., k., 29/8/18.
Phipps, Constantine James, D.S.O., M.C., Lt. (Temp. Capt.), died, 19/2/19.
5 Pilling, J. E., 2/Lt., died, 1/7/18 (and R.A.F.).
7 Pittock, Percy Whittle, Lt., k., 27/9/18.
7 Plewman, Charles Edward, Lt., k., 9/4/18.
3 Pratt, John Armstrong, M.C., Lt., k., 23/8/18.
7 Prendiville, Lawrence Anthony, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
10 Price, Thomas Joseph, M.C., 2/Lt., d., 25/4/18.
Profit, Lodwig Tudor, Temp. 2/Lt., d., 20/6/18 (att. 2/6th Bn.).
9 Purdie, David Scott, 2/Lt., d., 30/9/18.
9 Purdon, Harold Reginald, 2/Lt., d., 28/4/18.
8 Quinn, James Ewart, 2/Lt., k., 5/10/18.
9 Raine, William, M.C., Capt., d., 7/9/18.
9 Reid, William Alexander, Lt., d., 27/12/17.
12 Rice-Jones, Alfred Theodore, Temp. Capt., d., 23/3/18.
9 Richman, Alexander Woolacott, 2/Lt., d., 26/9/17.
16 Riddell, David Moore, Temp. 2/Lt., died, 23/9/17.
7 Riley, James Louis, 2/Lt., k., 29/9/18.
10 Ridehalgh, Harold, Lt., k., 23/9/18.
Roberts, John, Temp. 2/Lt., k., 14/9/18.
7 Robinson, Birketh Waring, 2/Lt., k., 18/9/18.
6 Robinson, Harold Percival, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
6 Ross, G. A. B., Lt., k., 1/6/18 (att. R.A.F.).
19 Salisbury, Robert Cecil, Temp. Capt., k., 22/3/18.
5 Samson, Phillip Edward, Lt., d., 21/10/18.
5 Sanders, Frederick Egerton, M.C., 2/Lt., k., 10/10/18.
6 Scarborough, E. O., 2/Lt., died, 25/5/18 (att. R.A.F.).
5 Scott, Frank, 2/Lt., d., 8/10/18.
7 Seagrave, P., 2/Lt., k., 1/11/18 (and R.A.F.).
Seddon, Frank Augustus, 2/Lt., k., 30/11/17 (att. 1/8th Bn.).
7 Sharp, Beresford, 2/Lt., k., 9/4/18.
3 Sharpe, Anthony Herbert, Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 25/9/17.
Shaw, Charles Salisbury, 2/Lt. (Tp.), d., 30/9/18.
Shaw, Gerald Alan Santor, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 1/7/17.
7 Shaw, Robert, Capt., k., 20/9/17.
18 Sheard, Fraser Morton, M.C., Capt. (Tp.), d., 2/4/18 (P. of W.).
7 Shoreman, James, M.C., 2/Lt., k., 27/9/18.
9 Simpson, John Wyckliffe, M.C., 2/Lt., k., 1/8/17.
6 Smith, Charles Ernest, Lt., k., 13/4/18.
9 Smith, Edward Pelham, 2/Lt., k., 16/8/18.
19 Smith, Herbert Leslie, Capt. (Tp.), k., 24/3/18.
Smith, John, 2/Lt (Tp.), k., 20/7/18 (att. 5th Devon R.).
18 Sparks, Robert William, M.C., 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 29/4/18.
12 Spears, Alexander, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 18/8/17.
7 Stacey, Herbert Leonard, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
6 Sutton, A. E. B., Lt., died, 4/7/18 (R.A.F.).
19 Sutton, Geoffrey Storrs, M.C., Capt. (Tp.), k., 23/3/18.
1 Tarran, Reginald Stuart, M.C., 2/Lt., k., 24/3/18.
12 Taylor, Robert Leslie, 2/Lt., k., 30/11/17.
1 Thompson, Aubrey Lloyd Sinclair, M.C., Lt. (A/Capt.), died, 14/11/17.
9 **Threlfall, John Alexander, 2/Lt., d., 10/5/18.**
10 **Thurlow, John Kennings, 2/Lt., k., 24/4/18.**

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9 Tickle, Andrew Brown, Lt., k., 14/7/17.
1 Tomlinson, Dan, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 10/8/18.
1/2 Urinowski, Alexander, 2/Lt., d., 25/8/18 (and R.A.F.).
9 Van Gruisen, Nicholas Albert Ray, Capt., k., 21/8/18.
3 Vaughan, Donald, 2/Lt., k., 30/10/17.
Vick, Sidney Francis, 2/Lt. (Tp.), k., 20/9/17.
18 Villar, Robert Peter, Capt., k., 22/3/18.
12 Vince, Arthur Neville, Lt.-Col., k., 21/3/18.
6 Waln, Edward Ashton, 2/Lt., k., 21/10/18.
5 Walker, Frederick Clarkson, Lt., k., 20/9/17.
Warburton, George Harold Edmonson, M.C., Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 17/4/18.
8 Ward, Frank Saxon, Capt., k., 31/7/17.
Ware, Denys C., Capt., killed, 20/9/18 (and R.A.F.).
11 Wareing, William Robert Alexander, Capt., k., 23/3/18.
5 Washbrook, Harry, 2/Lt., k., 22/8/18.
17 Watson, William Erskine, 2/Lt., k., 24/3/18.
3 Webster, Sidney Herbert, 2/Lt., k., 30/11/17.
7 White, Stafford Charles, Lt., k., 31/7/17.
4 Whitrod, Roper Henry, 2/Lt., k., 28/5/18.
10 Whitson, Henry Thomas, Capt., d., 5/9/18.
12 Whittington, George Edgar, 2/Lt., k., 30/11/17.
1 Williams, Gordon Percy, 2/Lt., k., 16/4/18.
9 Williams, John Tyler, 2/Lt., k., 21/3/18.
4 Williams, John Victor, 2/Lt., k., 26/9/17.
Williams, Joseph Stephenson, M.C., Lt. (A/Capt.), k., 25/9/17.
1 Williams, Thomas Langley, 2/Lt., k., 1/9/18.
7 Williams, Walter, 2/Lt., k., 15/5/18.
Williams, William Henry, 2/Lt., k., 22/3/18 (att, 1/7 Bn.).
3 Williams, Walter Patrick, 2/Lt., k., 17/4/18 (att. 4th Bn.)
3 Wilson, Ernest Albert, 2/Lt., k., 6/9/18 (att. 1st Bn.).
8 Wood, Frank Saxon, Capt., k., 31/7/17.
12 Woods, Eric Evelyn, 2/Lt., d., 18/5/18.
8 Wray, Francis Alan, 2/Lt., k., 31/7/17.
Wright, Frederick John, 2/Lt. (Tp.), d., 4/8/17.

SOLDIERS

DEPOT

Ashforth, Richard, 53824, Pte., d.h., 3/7/18.
Caldicott, John Henry, 15963, Pte., d.h., 30/10/18.
Ellis, Jack, 112550, Pte., d.h., 29/7/18.
Jones, Percy, 113427, Pte., d.h., 6/11/18.
Lambley, Lawrence, 85280, Pte., d.h., 17/11/18.
Lord, Cyril, 87152, Pte., d.h., 16/5/18.
Lovering, Daniel, 44902, R.Q.M.S., d.h., 29/9/18, formerly 16211, Welsh Regiment.
McSteam, Bernard, 87078, Pte., d.h., 7/10/18.
Middleton, Samuel, 37201, Pte., d.h., 7/4/19.
Pearce, Ribcard John, 112614, Pte., d.h., 18/8/18.
Scott, James Gibson, 56240, Pte., d., At sea, 23/5/18 formerly 14264, Yorkshire Regiment.
Wild, William Henry, 48001, Pte., d.h., 28/11/18, formerly 28750, Manchester Regiment.
Wray, William Ernest, 110980, Pte., d.h., 14/7/18.

1st BATTALION

Addison, James Henry, 88776, Pte., k., 27/12/17.
Amer, William York, 22910, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Appleton, Albert, 260363, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 201709, London Regiment.
Appleton, Harry, 24517, Cpl., d., 29/9/18.
Ashcroft, William, 49626, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Aspden, John Robert, 56515, L/Cpl., k., 21/3/18, formerly 23505, East Lancashire Regiment.
Astin, Joseph Henry, 56490, Pte., d., 29/3/18, formerly 27831, East Lancashire Regimen .
Atherton, Edward, 235650, Cpl. d., 5/9/18, formerly 251185, Manchester Regiment, M.M.
Atheton, Thomas Percy, 95479, Pte., d., 12/5/18.
Atkinson, Robert, 53040, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17, formerly 5111 Manchester Regiment.
Austin, Reginald Jesse, 91338, Sgt., k., 25/8/18, formerly 24902, Somerset Light Infantry.
Bagshaw, Albert, 28002, Cpl., d., 24/3/18.
Bailey, William Andrew, 108780, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Banks, James Walter, 53131, Pte., k., 25/7/17, formerly 19827, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Barker, Alfred, 48055, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Barker, Harry, 41254, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Barlow, Sydney, 52499, Pte., k., 24/8/17, formerly 2990, Manchester Regiment.
Bartley, Edward, 49632, Pte., k., 26/8/17.
Bate, David, 11843, Pte., d., 15/10/17.
Beagan, Ellis, 6728, Sgt., d., 16/9/18, M.M.
Beesley, Frederick Charles John, 94130, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 381362, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Bell, Leonard, 95219, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly M/318680, R.A.S.C.
Bentley, William, 53249, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Berry, John Patrick, 72086, Cpl., k., 25/8/18.
Bibby, Charles, 25108, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Binsley, Ernest, 94071, Pte., d., 26/5/18, formerly 37740, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Blake, Myer, 12992, Pte., d., 1/12/17.
Blakeley, Fred, 235681, Pte., k., 4/9/18, formerly 5623, Manchester Regiment.
Blatcher, Owen, 11635, Cpl., d., 26/7/17.
Bower, Norman Stanley, 96470, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Boxall, Charlie, 49634, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 177638 R.F.A.
Boyle, James, 13613, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Bradbury, Henry Lawton, 58415, Pte., d., 30/3/18, formerly 36462, Manchester Regiment.
Braithwaite, Richard, 30069, Pte., d., 1/12/17.
Brereton, Charles Henry, 260353, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 3865, London Regiment.
Broomfield, John, 29430, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Bromilow, Thomas Allen, 332317, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Brown, Herbert, 59051, Pte., d.h., 27/4/18, formerly 2877, East Lancashire Regiment.
Brown, Stephen James, 18492, Pte., k., 26/3/18, M.M.
Brown, William, 204768, Pte., k., 2/10/17, formerly 6821, Manchester Regiment.
Brown, Willie, 235695, Pte., k., 4/9/18, formerly 2701 Manchester Regiment.
Brownsett, William John, 95523, Pte., d.h., 26/11/18.
Buckley, Wilfred, 48932, L/Cpl., d., 15/5/18.
Buckley, William, 49659, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 20333, Cheshire Regiment.
Bunn, Frank, 28001, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Burgess, George, 12032, Sgt., d., 30/8/18, M.M.
Burns, Charles, 305074, L/Cpl., k., 22/9/17.
Burns, Walter Joseph, 58420, Pte., k., 19/9/17, formerly 32605, Manchester Regiment.
Burke, James, 267871, Pte., k., 28/2/18.
Burke, John Thomas, 95565, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Burville, John Thomas, 6779, L/Cpl., k., 30/1/18.
Caine, Rufus, 51409, Pte., k., 2/5/18.
Camp, John Walter, 95221, Pte., d., 17/4/18, formerly 49619, Bedford Regiment.
Campbell, Percy, 95302, Sgt., k., 29/9/18, formerly 2366, Lancashire Fusiliers, D.C.M. and M.M.
Cassidy, Francis, Walter, 235699, Pte., d., 29/9/18, formerly 250994, Manchester Regiment.
Cave, Harry, 25622, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 18724, Yorkshire L.I.
Chadwick, James Walmsley, 52176, Pte., k., 1/8/17, formerly 3208, Manchester Regiment.
Cheetham, Elijah, 41966, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Clare, Edwin, 40135, Sgt., k., 29/9/18, D.C.M. and M.M.

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Clarke, James, 37359, Pte., d., 1/12/17.
Clarke, James Thompson, 38987, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Clarke, Percy, 350098, Pte., d., 26/4/18, formerly 2825, S. Staffordshire Regiment.
Clarke, Thomas Reginald, 87920, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Clegg, Walter, 308795, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Cobham, Albert James, 41889, Cpl., k., 22/4/18.
Cochrane, Robert, 19118, Pte., d., 9/12/18.
Collins, Charles, 84819, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 24651, 16th Lancers.
Cooper, Thomas Ernest, 88075, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Coppock, Alfred, 95548, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Corless, James, 96480, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Corrian, John, 20897, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Cowin, William, 46775, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Cowlet, Thomas, 49461, Sgt., k., 30/11/17.
Cregan, Francis Joseph, 48636, Pte., k., 26/3/18, formerly 4535, Manchester Regiment.
Cross, Reginald, 95188, Pte., d., 16/4/18, formerly 5665, Middlesex Regiment.
Crowther, William Henry, 95533, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Culver, John Henry, 89113, Pte., d., 29/9/18, formerly 8410, R. Sussex Regiment.
Cummins, John, 12517, Pte., d., 12/1/18
Curtis, Frederick, 332218, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Curtis, Stanley Charles, 51156, Pte., k., 26/3/18, formerly 45785, Suffolk Regiment.
Christian, Thomas William, 36880, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Davies, Charles, 204118, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Davis, Harold, 53095, Pte., k., 4/9/18, formerly 17384, East Surrey Regiment.
Davis, Robert, 57166, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 7642, North Lancashire Regiment.
Davis, William, 50446, Pte., d., 17/7/18, formerly 22387, Manchester Regiment.
Davis, William Henry, 235602, Pte., d., 5/3/18, formerly 4623, Northampton Regiment.
Davis, William Herbert, 37121, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Denton, Charles Joseph, 9135, Sgt., k., 29/4/18, formerly 10180, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Detheridge, Alfred Charles, 94070, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 37737, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Dollery, William, 95207, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 25387, Rifle Brigade.
Dorrien, George, 105519, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 20953, Border Regiment.
Dowde, John Patrick, 48128, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Drake, James Oliver, 94133, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Drewery, Walter, 105696, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 22910, Yorkshire Regiment.
Duckworth, Albert Mitchell, 381580, Pte., d., 20/7/18, formerly 6222, South Lancashire Regiment.
Duckworth, John Pilkington, 96484, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Duerden, Richard Hartley, 30912, Pte., k., 8/6/18.
Dulieu, Alfred, 350099, Pte., d., 27/3/18, formerly 202471, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Dunn, Frank, 41534, Sgt., k., 29/9/18, formerly 3930, Manchester Regiment.
Dunn, Michael, 8289, C.S.M., k., 24/3/18.
Dunwell, Leslie George, 240586, Cpl., d., 20/3/18.
Durkin, John, 105391, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Dyer, George Henry, 380930, L/Cpl., k., 29/9/18, M.M.M
Eaton, Fred, 49672, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Eccles, Charles, 56743, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Edwards, Arthur, 201957, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Edwards, Frank, 57228, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Edwards, Harold Francis, 331464, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Egan, Thomas Edward, 27232, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Ellis, Joseph, 52067, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Evans, Walter Ralph, 51166, Pte., k., 15/3/18, formerly 29205, Suffolk Regiment.
Featherston, Herbert, 41107, Pte., k., 28/2/18.
Ferguson, Sidney John, 201102, Pte., d., 1/4/18.
Finch, Arthur, 96495, Pte., d., 17/4/18.
Finnerty, John, 10219, Pte., k., 30/11/17, M.M.
Fitton, John Richard, 33003, Pte., d., 25/8/18, formerly 22247, Manchester Regiment.
Fitzpatrick, Daniel, 2047886, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Fitzsimmons, Michael Joseph, 56948, L/Cpl., k., 25/8/18.
Flanagan, James, 106161, Pte., d., 2/11/18.
Flynn, Daniel, 29366, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Folley, Walter Edwin, 94108, Pte., d., 16/4/18, formerly 38022, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Ford, Joseph, 93799, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Foster, Campbell Revera, 96491, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Foulkes, George, 330084, Pte., k., 28/3/18, M.M.
Fowler, Norman, 49673, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 165295, R.F.A.
Fox, Herbert, 105303, Pte., d., 29/8/18.
French, Arthur Edgar, 94062, Pte., d., 26/4/18, formerly 37669, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Gaines, Francis Daglish, 89213, Pte., d., 28/9/18, formerly 22703, Norfolk Regiment.
Gannon, Francis, 11215, Sgt., k., 16/3/18, D.C.M.
George, Alfred, 87113, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Gleave, George Frederick, 96499, Pte., k., 15/4/18.
Glover, Robert Frank, 49447, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Goldberg, Edward, 85316, Pte., k., 26/3/18, formerly 86526, R.A.M.C.
Goode, Walter Bernard, 94053, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Gower, Joseph, 72987, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 6208, Welsh Regiment.
Gray, Henry Joseph, 50753, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Greenfield, Thomas A., 96496, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Greenall, Edward, 204174, Pte., d., 29/12/17.
Grimes, James, 96504, Pte., k., 8/6/18.
Grimshaw, Robert William, 105308, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Grindley, John William, 52288, Pte., d., 20/12/18.
Gwilt, William Edward, 84997, Pte., k., 27/7/18, formerly 27506, 16th Lancers.
Harris, George Henry, 30173, Pte., k., 29/9/18, M.M.
Harrison, Louis Edward, 95379, Pte., k., 25/3/18, formerly 74748, Manchester Regiment.
Harrison, William, 108007, Pte, d., 5/9/18
Hartley, Herbert, 96515, Pte , d., 18/4/18.
Hartley, James William, 105311, Pte., k., 8/6/18.
Hartley, Richard, 235662, Pte., k., 9/10/18, formerly 301578, Manchester Regiment.
Hayhurst, John James, 85999, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 7743, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Hewitt, William, 203658, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Heyes, Samuel, 28266, Pte., d., 30/9/18, formerly 3210 Manchester Regiment.
Holden, Ernest Transvaal, 96511, Pte., k., 4/9/18.
Holland, Edward Bertie, 95226, Pte., k., 4/9/18, formerly 49692, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Holland, Vernon, 308025, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 4797, Manchester Regiment, M.M.
Holt, Edward George, 12800, Pte., k., 14/3/18.
Horne, Thomas, 56501, Pte., k., 25/7/17, formerly 27784, East Lancashire Regiment.
Horrington, John William, 105691, Pte., d., 29/9/18 formerly 23887, Yorkshire Regiment.
Hoskinson, John H., 96508, Pte., k., 22/4/18.
Hough, George, 204094, L/Cpl., d., 27/12/17.
Howard, William James, 370134, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Howell, Robert, 12864, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Imison, Frederick, 381983, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 2827, London Regiment.
Jackson, Thomas, 11325, C.S.M., k., 27/12/17, M.C.
Johnson, William, 90871, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Jones, Charles, 71968, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 24890, North Lancashire Regiment.
Jones, Samuel, 39514, Pte., d., 25/3/18.
Jones, Thomas, 95398, Sgt., k., 25/8/18, formerly 24957, South Lancashire Regiment, M.M.
Jones, William, 11884, Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Jones, William Thomas, 88957, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly T/4/233722, R.A.S.C.
Joynson, Charles, 64633, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Kay, Lewis, 50252, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Keighley, Albert, 90880, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Kennett, Harry, 94054, Pte., d., 25/8/18, formerly 37490, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Kent, Albert William, 235235, Pte., k., 22/4/18, formerly 203786, Yorkshire Regiment.
Kershaw, Frank, 54319, Pte., d., 2/12/17.
King, John Crompton, 91342, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 24548, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Kirk, Henry Ernest, 62004, Pte., k., 13/3/18, formerly 41722, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Knight, Albert, 94080, Pte., d., 29/9/18, formerly 37756, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Knightall, Joseph, 204041, Pte., d., 24/11/18.
Kyte, Edward, 18539, Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Lamb, Fred, 52162, Cpl., k., 25/8/18, formerly 2982, Manchester Regiment.
Lampitt, Charles, 202275, Pte., k., 25/7/17.
Langley, John W., 332994, L/Cpl., k., 11/8/18, formerly 1721, Lancashire Hussars, Yeomanry.
Law, Edward, 204108, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Lee, Frederick Alec, 95214, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 48657, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Lees, George, 52648, L/Cpl , k , 31/1/18.
Lomas, Thomas, 10682, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Lord, Harry, 90889, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Low, George, 87712, Pte., k., 11/8/18, formerly 273295, R.A.S.C. (M.T).
Loweth, John Henry, 49666, Pte., k., 30/11/17.

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Lucas, Leonard James, 201112, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Maddock, George Charles William, 94136, Pte., d., 20/4/18, formerly 38717, Royal Warwick Regiment.
Maddocks, Albert Jeffrey, 51213, Pte., d., 30/9/18, formerly 32650, Norfolk Regiment.
Malone, James, 41710, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Manick, John Patrick, 242352, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
March, Wilfred Henry, 95231, Pte., k., 29/7/18, formerly 49714, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Marshall, Leonard, 25781, Pte., k., 11/8/17.
Martin, James William, 51279, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 25142, Leicestershire Regiment.
Marwood, Robert, 238091, Pte., k., 4/9/18, formerly 201239, Yorkshire Regiment.
Mason, Ernest, 64992, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Mather, Alfred Edgar, 49474, L/Cpl., d., 11/12/17.
McAdam, Ralph Norman, 105766, Pte., k., 16/9/18, formerly 5809, Manchester Regiment.
McBride, Alexander, 57430, L/Cpl., k., 22/4/18, formerly 1117, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
McCann, William, 56531, L/Cpl., k., 26/3/18, formerly 20708, East Lancashire Regiment.
McCready, William, 235673, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 376528, Manchester Regiment.
McCrone, Frederick, 56539, L/Cpl., k., 16/4/18, formerly 24543, Border Regiment.
McCue, Tom, 56517, Pte., d., 22/4/18, formerly 21459, Border Regiment.
McDonald, Harry Douglas, 14142, Pte., d., 26/7/17.
McEntaggart, James, 381258, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
McLean, James, 25903, L/Cpl., k., 24/3/18.
McLoughlin, Michael, 10297, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Mellor, Robert, 52665, Pte., k., 6/7/17, formerly 4691, Manchester Regiment.
Messingham, Harold Barnes, 95246, Pte., k., 9/10/18, formerly 319883, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Millward, Brian, 332744, Pte., k., 22/4/18, formerly 37101, Manchester Regiment.
Mitton, Samuel Roland, 58513, Pte., k., 25/7/17, formerly 38638, Manchester Regiment.
Moore, Henry, 330748, Pte., k., 27/12/17.
Moores, David, 28016, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Morgan, Frederick, 201288, Pte., d., 20/8/18.
Morgan, Oswald, 10317, Cpl., k., 30/1/18.
Mossop, Fred, 25188, Sgt., k., 30/12/17, D.C.M. and M.M.
Moulton, Edward, 380210, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 6238, Manchester Regiment.
Moxey, William Watkin, 204103, Pte., d.h., 6/3/19.
Muir, Thomas Donald, 8754, Cpl., k., 15/9/18, formerly 216758, R.E.
Murphy, John Joseph, 30408, Pte., k., 22/12/17.
Murphy, Martin, 35806, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Nain, George, 49679, L/Cpl., k., 7/8/17, formerly 12660, S. Lancashire Regiment.
Narracott, Henry Westaway, 50365, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly T/4/160407, R.A.S.C.
Nelson, William, 204184, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Nightingale, Bert, 50203, Pte., d., 15/8/18.
Oakes, James Barker, 381477, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Ogden, Albert, 52687, L/Cpl., d., 30/4/18, formerly 5208, Manchester Regiment, M.M.
O'Halloran, Frank, 10793, Pte., d., 16/10/18.
Oliver, Thomas, 204320, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Osmond, Edgar John, 94128, Pte., d., 27/9/18, formerly S/4/110391, R.A.S.C.
Owen, Richard J., 3446, Pte., k., 27/12/17.
Parker, William, 10759, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Parry, William, 12968, Cpl., k., 25/8/18.
Parsons, George, 10802, L/Cpl., k., 29/9/18.
Payne, James, 201416, Pte., k., 4/9/18.
Pearson, Henry, 26162, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Penny, George, 201074, Pte., d., 25/8/18.
Penny, Richmond, 24850, Pte., d., 29/8/18.
Phillips, James William, 88652, Pte., k., 29/8/17, formerly 4101, East Surrey Regiment.
Phillips, John Morrison, 19266, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Pickering, Frank, 53303, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 5777, East Surrey Regiment.
Pilkington, John Edward, 35133, Pte., k., 26/12/17.
Pilkington, John James, 201470, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Pinnington, Cyril, 29331, Pte., d., 21/1/18.
Pollard, Robert Draper, 235601, Pte., k., 4/9/18, formerly 1893, Northamptonshire Regiment.
Power, Thomas, 332799, Pte., k., 28/2/18.
Pridden, James, 7500, Sgt., d., 5/4/18, M.M. and D.C.M.
Proctor, Leonard, 266369, Pte., k., 18/6/18.
Quayle, Thomas, 13192, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Quillian, Thomas Henry, 202186, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Ralphs, Jacob, 101712, Pte., k., 4/9/18, formerly 16096, Manchester Regiment.
Rawlings, Arthur John, 91869, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Reece, Harold, 202151, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Reekie, Augustine Simpson, 88262, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 29782, Royal Welch Fusiliers.
Richards, Ernest, 308416, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 3955, Manchester Regiment.
Richards, Walter, 260264, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 2743, Royal Fusiliers.
Richmond, Frederick, 52711, L/Cpl., d.h., 19/10/18, formerly 4871, Manchester Regiment.
Rick, John, 12734, A/Cpl., d., 16/4/18.
Ricketts, Henry Frank, 47295, Pte., d., 10/6/18.
Riddick, William, 64889, Pte., d. h., 31/10/17.
Roach, Peter, 13470, Pte., d., 15/3/18.
Robinson, William, 99666, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 25662, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Rogers, Harry, 52716, Pte., d., 20/8/17, formerly 2860, Manchester Regiment.
Rollings, Edward John, 11954, Sgt., k., 16/4/18.
Rowlands, Edward, 332680, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Rushworth, Joseph, 52719, Pte., d., 30/11/17, formerly 3421, Manchester Regiment.
Rust, Walter, 99671, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 106881, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Ryan, Peter, 29014, Sgt., k., 1/8/17.
Sanders, Thomas, 85514, A/Cpl., d., 18/9/18, formerly 5624, Lancashire Fusiliers, M.M.
Sanders, William, 12014, L/Cpl., d., 24/8/18.
Schroeder, Charles, 29703, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Scotton, William, 49608, Pte., d., 26/7/17, formerly 14279, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Senior, Stanley, 332567, Cpl., k., 23/6/18, formerly 4991, Manchester Regiment.
Sephton, James Roland, 31002, L/Cpl., d.h., 16/9/19.
Sergiadi, Gordon Frank Steris, 57961, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 634, Army Cyclist Corps.
Shacklady, Arthur, 27577, Pte., d., 9/12/18, M.M.
Shaw, William Walton, 26588, Pte., d., 13/3/18.
Simpkins, John, 12981, Pte., k., 8/6/18.
Sissons, Arthur William, 9437, Sgt., k., 26/3/18, M.M.
Skith, Joseph, 235625, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 3016, Manchester Regiment.
Smith, Frederick Andrew, 53727, Pte., k., 26/3/18, formerly S/4/125390, R.A.S.C.
Smith, Frederick John, 94090, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Smith, George Henry, 12805, Pte., d., 7/2/18.
Smith, Thomas, 242902, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Smylie, Ernest Kenrick, 87732, L/Sgt., k., 29/9/18, formerly 204523, R.E.
Sneyd, James, 52736, Pte., k., 8/1/18, formerly 4204, Manchester Regiment.
Snodden, John Ayers, 9228, Sgt., k., 7/5/18.
Sparrow, Harold, 88661, Pte., d., 1/11/18, formerly 4262, East Surrey Regiment.
Starkey, Clement John, 46747, L/Cpl., k., 27/12/17.
Stenhouse, Alec, 260349, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 200789, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Sundwell, Herbert Henry, 241689, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Surtees, William David, 33245, Pte., d., 31/3/18.
Sutton, Frederick, 58521, Pte., d., 28/12/17, formerly 28630, Manchester Regiment.
Swarbrick, Thomas, 333022, Pte., k., 27/12/17.
Sykes, Thomas, 85669, Pte., d., 20/4/18, formerly T/4/159887, R.A.S.C.
Talbot, William, 204806, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Tarney, John Thomas, 46065, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 6120, South Wales Borderers.
Taylor, James, 9530, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Taylor, Matthew, 105773, Pte., d., 16/9/18, formerly 22434, North Lancashire Regiment.
Taylor, Ralph, 381643, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 240967, North Lancashire Regiment.
Taylor, Richard, 267808, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Thom, Frederick William, 72269, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Thomas, Albert Edward, 62975, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Trinder, William, 58524, Pte., d., 6/8/17, formerly 15491, Manchester Regiment.
Turner, Henry William, 94101, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Twidale, William, 267941, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Tyler, Sidney, 350132, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 1256, Cambridgeshire Regiment.
Walsh, Alfred Thomas, 235714, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 201538, Manchester Regiment.
Walsh, Thomas, 8476, Pte., d., 8/12/18.
Walters, John, 202888, Pte., d., 25/3/18.
Ward, Frank Sydney, 94119, Pte., k., 25/8/18, formerly 38092, R. Warwickshire Regiment.
Waterhouse, Robert, 19806, Pte., d., 3/5/18.
Watson, Robinson, 57108, Pte., d., 8/6/18, formerly 2542, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.

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Watts, Robert, 43477, Pte., k., 9/10/18.
Webster, Sydney, 105715, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 39498, Yorkshire Regiment.
Whitfield, Thomas Arthur, 90946, Pte., d., 30/7/18.
Whittaker, Edward, 56529, Pte., k., 26/3/18, formerly 27237, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Williams, Frank, 94073, Pte., d., 18/4/18, formerly 37744, R. Warwick Regiment.
Wilson, Walter, 90944, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Wilshaw, Walter Garforth, 90952, Pte., k., 28/2/18.
Woodhead, Richard, 57107, Pte., k., 26/3/18, formerly, 25128, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Wright, Albert, 381644, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 242107 N. Lancashire Regiment.
Wright, Ernest Samuel, 88207, Pte., d., 12/10/18.
Wynn, Richard, 49595, Pte., d., 11/4/18.

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Archer, George William, 9891, Pte., d., India, 8/9/17.
Beck, William Ernest, 9737, Pte., d., India, 24/10/18.
Blackman, Robert, 10318, Pte., d., India, 3/10/18.
Compston, Edward, 11103, Sgt., d., India, 20/10/18.
Disley, Thomas, 64758, Pte., d., India, 4/11/18.
Giles, Harry, 10412, Pte., d., India, 10/10/18.
Haslam, Lee, 64074, Pte., d., India, 14/8/18.
Holland, Philip, 10764, Pte., d., India, 16/7/17.
Howlett, Sydney William, 9974, Pte., d., India, 8/9/17.
Lee, William, 46710, Pte., d.h., 16/1/18.
Litherland, Herbert, 10625, L/Cpl., d., India, 16/10/18.
Longstaff, Stanley, 10121, Sgt., d., India, 27/7/18.
Martin, John, 7022, Pte., d., India, 26/6/18.
Nunnery, John James, 9702, Pte., d., India, 27/4/18.
O'Neill, Patrick Leo, 10423, Cpl., d., India, 8/9/17.
Rogerson, John, 9041, Pte., d., India, 8/4/18.
Rolfe, James, 102065, Pte., d., India, 17/10/18.
Rushton, Charles, 9839, C.S.M., d., India, 19/10/18.
Smith, Stanley George, 10904, Pte., d., India, 16/11/18.
Stobbs, Fred, 64705, Pte., d., India, 31/10/18.

3rd BATTALION

Billings, Charles Joseph, 93766, Pte., d.h., 21/10/18.
Burns, David, 110609, Pte., d.h., 15/7/18.
Byron, Arthur Leslie, 109219, Pte., d., At Sea, 10/10/18.
Chater, Henry Thomas, 49993, Pte., d.h., 10/10/18, formerly 33260, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Collins, Daniel, 56336, Cpl., d.h., 12/1/18, formerly 6732, Manchester Regiment.
Davies, Henry, 108722, Pte., d.h., 28/7/18.
Howard, Peter, 35546, Cpl., d., At Sea, 10/10/18.
Hughes, William, 11685, Pte., d.h., 1/11/18.
Lee, James, 13552, Pte., d., At Sea, 10/10/18.
Leighfield, Jesse, 53442, Pte., d., At Sea, 10/10/18, formerly 6681, London Regiment.
Robinson, Harry, 20762, Pte., d.h., 18/7/18.
Ryder, Walter, 82961, Pte., d.h., 2/7/18.
Seddon, William Thomas, 25994, Pte., d.h., 15/7/18.
Sutton, Richard, 23838, A/Cpl., d.h., 8/10/18.
Sweeney, Charles, 10208, A/L/Cpl., d., At Sea, 10/10/18
Thomas, James, 26775, Sgt., d., At Sea, 10/10/18.
Thorpe, Samuel Herbert, 18795, Pte., d.h., 9/11/18.
Unsworth, John Robert, 19127, Sgt., d., At Sea, 10/10/18.
Whalley, Percy, 109299, Pte., d., At Sea, 10/10/18.

4th BATTALION

Abbott, William Haigh, 91245, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Adams, Arthur Frank, 92199, Sgt., d., 13/10/18, formerly 22192, Cheshire Regiment.
Adams, Henry, 9820, Pte., k., 26/9/17.
Agombar, Alfred William, 50467, Pte., k., 26/9/17, formerly 49368, Manchester Regiment.
Allinson, George William, 36367, Pte., d., 28/9/17.
Anderson, George, 59308, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Armstrong, Peter, 13780, L/Sgt., k., 29/9/18.
Aspinall, David March, 47392, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Aspinall, Thomas William, 200832, Cpl., k., 29/9/18.
Atkinson, Edmund Thomas, 50411, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 48037, Manchester Regiment.
Bache, William, 8715, Pte., d., 22/6/18.
Bailey, William Leigh, 31281, Pte., d., 15/5/18.
Balderson, John Yates, 35745, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Baldwin, Abel, 109325, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Barends, John, 94360, Pte., k., 17/4/18, formerly 35271, Border Regiment.
Barnett, George Thomas, 57159, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Barnett, Richard, 269392, Pte., d., 29/9/17.
Barnett, William, 93739, Pte., k., 23/9/18.
Barry, Joseph, 18544, Pte., k., 24/11/17.
Barton, George, 18701, Pte., k., 23/11/17.
Barton, John, 50556, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Baxby, Edwin, 94353, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 19483, Border Regiment.
Bell, John Henry, 59197, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Bell, William, 18929, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Bellion, Edward, 21729, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Berry, George Peter, 48473, Pte., k., 11/10/18.
Blanchard, James, 49494, Pte., k., 23/9/18, formerly 1951, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Blears, Ralph, 109375, Pte., k., 5/11/18.
Blease, Charles Frodsham, 47019, Pte., k., 21/9/18.
Bloor, John, 305270, Pte., k., 24/8/17.
Bowen, James, 28238, Pte., k., 27/9/17, formerly 2731, Manchester Regiment.
Bradley, Robert, 50226, Pte., d., 25/10/18, formerly 37978, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Bragg, Irving, 11765, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Briggs, Berry, 50415, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 48762, Manchester Regiment.
Briscoe, Harry, 59279, Pte., k., 26/9/17.
Brislen, Thomas, 14287, Cpl., k., 11/4/18, M.M.
Brooks, Henry James, 86991, Pte., d., 25/9/18.
Brookes, Norman Nathan, 19638, L/Cpl., k., 26/9/17.
Bromilow, John, 50423, Pte., k., 27/1/18, formerly 49306, Manchester Regiment.
Brown, George Percy Stephenson, 49445, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Brown, Percy, 93731, Pte., k., 21/9/18.
Brown, Thomas, 85736, L/Cpl., k., 21/9/18, formerly 53570, Devonshire Regiment.
Brown, William Arthur, 307726, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Brownless, William, 93750, Pte., k., 11/8/18.
Burd, Edward, 59346, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Burden, Duncan Alex, 50427, Pte k., 17/4/18, formerly 49002, Manchester Regiment.
Burgess, Harry Roger Moody, 38834, Pte., k., 16/4/18, M.M.
Burgess, John, 79447, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Burrows, Thomas, 95660, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Burton, Thomas Austin, 26208, L/Cpl., k., 17/4/18
Burton, Wilfred, 85543, Pte., k., 25/7/17, formerly 28857, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Butterworth, Albert, 50498, Pte., k., 25/10/18, formerly 19472, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Byron, Henry, 35861, Pte., k., 27/1/18.
Barnes, Henry, 331591, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Caffery, Charles, 14054, Pte., d., 16/4/18, M.M.
Campbell, Victor, 241172, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Carberry, John, 33157, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Cardwell, Robert, 47731, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Carling, Frank, 235375, Pte., k., 27/9/17, formerly 8844, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Carmichael, James, 11123, C.S.M., k., 25/9/17, M.M.
Carrier, Clifton, 51204, Pte, k, 23/10/18, formerly 32860, Norfolk Regiment
Carter, Harry, 93755, Pte., k., 11/10/18.
Case, John McGregor, 72499, L/Cpl., k., 7/11/18.
Cassidy, James Lawrence, 380381, Pte., k., 25/9/17, formerly 42885, R.W. Fusiliers.
Caton, Herbert, 49707, Pte., d., 17/4/18, formerly 30609, W. Riding Regiment.
Charlesworth, George, 20175, Sgt., k., 25/9/17.

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Chadwick, John, 50435, Pte., k., 25/9/17, formerly 37524, Manchester Regiment.
Cheetham, Thomas, 30083, Pte., k., 21/9/18.
Chicken, Joseph Nelson, 380417, Pte., d.h., 27/2/18, formerly 1748, Border Regiment.
Christie, Alexander, 13631, C.Q.M.S., k., 17/4/18.
Clarke, Frederick George Harry, 11481, Sgt., d., 20/8/18.
Clarkson, John, 331599, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Clewley, Thomas Albert, 51226, Pte., k., 17/4/18, formerly 46716, Northumberland Regiment.
Clingan, Edward, 99729, Pte., d., 19/10/18, formerly 50747, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Cameron, Alexander, 38450, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Cole, Frederick William, 50557, Pte., k., 29/7/17, formerly S/4/197142, Royal Army Service Corps.
Cole, Horace, 51206, Pte., d., 28/10/18, formerly 32857, Norfolk Regiment.
Comerford, James, 51519, Pte., d., 29/9/17.
Convy, Michael, 8646, Sgt., k., 26/9/17.
Cornwell, William, 332835, Pte., d., 18/4/18.
Crossley, Ernest, 380343, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 42828, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Dadge, Reginald Victor, 53295, Pte., d., 3/4/18, formerly 6294, Essex Regiment.
Dagnall, Joseph, 25142, Sgt., k., 14/4/18.
Darby, William, 407115, Sgt., k., 23/10/18, formerly 330611, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Davies, Evan George, 93774, L/Cpl., d., 29/9/18.
Davies, George Edwin, 81951, Pte., d., 13/4/18.
Davies, Hercules, 93781, Pte., k., 13/8/18.
Davies, James, 11158, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Davies, Thomas Percival, 15573, L/Sgt., k., 9/9/18.
Davies, William, 41171, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 136801, Royal Field Artillery.
Davis, Ernest Hills, 60075, Pte., k., 7/11/18, formerly 50249, Welsh Regiment.
Dawkins, Charles, 38799, Pte., k., 14/4/18.
Dean, James Henry, 17308, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Dear, Leonard Percy, 350129, L/Cpl., d., 18/4/18, formerly 3161, Cambridgshire Regiment.
De La Cruz, John, 64879, Pte., k., 26/9/17.
Derrick, James Joseph, 202367, Cpl., k., 23/10/18.
Devine, Joseph Edgar, 235380, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 303309, Manchester Regiment.
Dewhurst, George, 26268, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Dickenson, Arthur, 48053, Pte., k., 9/1/18.
Dickenson, Joseph, 14487, Pte., d., 6/10/18.
Dixon, John William, 325053, Pte., d.h., 18/10/18, formerly 205125, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Dodd, Sydney, 64891, Pte., d., 4/10/17.
Donovan, Charles, 29138, L/Cpl., d., 11/10/17.
Doodson, John H., 59291, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Downes, Joseph, 10948, L/Cpl., k., 23/10/18.
Downey, John, 6287, Pte., k., 24/10/18.
Downey, Stanley Reginald, 93768, Pte., k., 5/11/18.
Doyle, Walter, 95768, Pte., d., 19/11/18.
Drakeford, Edward William, 90734, Pte., k., 10/10/18, formerly 111814, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Drennan, John P., 331913, Pte., d.h., 6/1/19.
Dunn, James Patrick, 109364, Pte., d., 23/10/18.
Dunn, Peter, 49292, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Eames, Philip, 57639, Pte., k., 8/11/18, formerly 5312, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Eastwood, Vernon, 235381, Pte., d., 2/11/17, formerly 5875, Manchester Regiment.
Eatock, William, 109368, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Eccleston, Joseph Cooper, 109437, Pte., k., 24/10/18.
Edwards, Edmund, 8968, Pte., k., 26/9/17.
Edwards, Harold, 95283, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 35722, Manchester Regiment.
Ellwood, George, 235382, Pte., k., 27/9/17, formerly 2313, Manchester Regiment.
Emberton, Daniel Albert, 48508, L/Cpl., k., 28/10/18.
Emmerson, Thomas Edward, 50126, Pte., k., 20/9/18.
English, Arthur, 94349, Pte., d., 21/9/18, formerly 35443, Border Regiment.
Evans, Harold, 85960, Pte., d., 30/9/18.
Evans, James, 330727, L/Cpl., k., 17/4/18.
Evans, Robert George, 17245, Sgt., d., 24/10/18.
Everett, Randall, 38228, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Eyre, James Henry, 9033, Sgt., d.h., 20/7/17.
Fairbrother, James Herbert, 59340, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Fayle, Andrew, 109417, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Fazackerley, Charles, 109346, Pte., k., 12/10/18.
Feathers, Sam, 5001, Pte., d., 20/4/18, formerly 37003, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Finch, Robert, 26318, Pte., k., 25/9/18.
Flanagan, John, 406161, Pte., d., 21/8/18.
Flindt, Robert Charles, 17333, Cpl., d., 1/10/18.
Floyd, Thomas, 300547, L/Cpl., d., 4/7/18, formerly 1670, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Folds, Henry, 51005, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 23795, Bedford Regiment.
Ford, William, 235385, Pte., d., 24/8/17, formerly 7506, Manchester Regiment.
Forshaw, Thomas, 56678, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Foster, William, 14281, Pte., k., 11/4/18, M.M.
Fowles, Stanley, 17332, Cpl., k., 29/9/18.
Fox, William Henry, 88426, Pte., k., 9/5/18, formerly 203575, East Surrey Regiment.
Frankland, Alfred, 8905, Sgt., k., 17/4/18.
Gallagher, Patrick, 30610, Sgt., k., 16/4/18.
Gallagher, William, 8276, C.S.M., k., 17/4/18.
Gardiner, William, 203372, Pte., d., 5/11/18.
Garnett, John Albert, 46149, Sgt., k., 20/9/18.
Gascoigne, Arthur Hyslop, 99721, Pte., k., 28/9/18, formerly 50657, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Gibbons, Thomas, 41190, Pte., k., 27/9/17, formerly 137150, R.F.A.
Gilchrist, Robert, 49373, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Gladwell, Robert John, 95594, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Glen, James, 51710, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Glover, Thomas, 30722, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Godsall, Edward, 12561, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Goodwin, Thomas George Stanley, 94094, Pte., d., 4/10/18.
Gore, Ernest G. G., 332082, Pte., k., 11/10/18.
Goy, William, 95494, Pte., k., 7/5/18, formerly 5119, East Surrey Regiment.
Grace, Thomas, 13213, Sgt., d., 21/11/17.
Gray, Thomas, 27900, Pte., d., 13/3/18.
Green, Adam, 109442, Pte., k., 12/10/18.
Gregson, Thomas, 59379, Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Griffin, John, 6884, C.S.M., k., 11/10/18.
Haigh, William, 95783, Pte., k., 7/5/18.
Halligan, Thomas, 49353, Pte., k., 26/9/17.
Halstead, Frank Eversley, 38407, L/Cpl., k., 28/10/18.
Hampson, Thomas, 38327, Pte., k., 24/11/17.
Hannen, Lawrence, 202218, Pte., k., 24/10/18.
Hardy, Arthur, 203790, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Hargreaves, Stuart, 25234, Pte., d., 22/9/17.
Harley, John, 31760, Pte., k., 27/1/18.
Harrison, William Percy, 25249, Pte., k., 17/3/18.
Howarth, Peter, 269164, Pte., d., 9/7/18.
Hardacre, Thomas, 235389, Pte., d., 27/9/17, formerly 375586, Manchester Regiment.
Hayes, Francis, 49451, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Heaton, Harry, 50559, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Hesketh, Horace Osbaldestine, 95779, Pte., d., 7/5/18.
Henthorn, Harold, 52617, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 4185, Manchester Regiment.
Henthorn, William, 332597, Pte., d., 21/8/18, formerly 6027, Manchester Regiment.
Heslop, William Dinsdale, 58666, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Hetherington, William David, 95603, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Hill, Randal, 49407, Pte., d., 5/11/18.
Hilton, George Wordsworth, 332658, Pte., d., 18/4/18.
Holden, Robert, 13310, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Holliday, Albert Edward, 94357, Pte., k., 18/4/18, formerly 35452, Border Regiment.
Hollihead, Thomas, 381027, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Holt, Edwin, 59731, Pte., k., 24/10/18.
Holt, Harry, 308100, L/Cpl., k., 17/4/18, formerly 6125, Manchester Regiment.
Hooper, Edward Smith, 94355, Pte., k., 17/4/18, formerly 35239, Border Regiment.
Hornby, Robert, 96409, Pte., d., 28/10/18.
Howarth, James, 95599, Pte., d., 11/5/18.
Hudson, Edward William, 53297, Pte., k., 25/10/18, formerly 4725, W. Kent Regiment.
Hughes, Owen, 17357, L/Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Hughes, Thomas, 91480, Pte., k., 3/11/18.
Humphreys, Robert, 59522, Cpl., k., 20/9/18.
Hunt, William Thomas, 43489, L/Cpl., k., 25/9/17.
Huntriss, William, 31021, Pte., d.h., 15/2/18.
Hurst, Ernest, 96259, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Hutchinson, Joseph, 93810, Pte., k., 11/10/18.
Huxstep, William Stephen, 48539, Pte., k., 25/9/17, formerly 3650, Manchester Regiment.
Irving, Richard, 39122, Pte., k., 21/9/18.
Jackson, George Ernest, 96522, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Jackson, Thomas, 26468, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Jackson, William, 48533, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Jackson, William, 12364, Sgt., k., 9/9/18
James, Percy George, 96523, Pte., d., 21/6/18.
Johnson, William, 41704, L/Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Jolly, Thomas, 240738, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Jones, Edward, 48511, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Jones, Harry, 17871, L/Cpl., k., 4/11/18.

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Jones, John, 332172, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Jones, John, 10957, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Jones, Robert, 59376, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Jones, William, 50382, Pte., d., 28/9/17, formerly 49807, Manchester Regiment.
Jones, William Henry, 19051, L/Cpl., k., 17/4/18.
Kay, Edward, 55636, Pte., d., 27/9/17, formerly 23689, S.W. Borderers.
Kendrick, William, 95625, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Keyte, William, 109379, Pte., d., 13/10/18.
King, Henry Edward, 47143, A/Cpl., k., 11/4/18.
King, Thomas Robert, 96266, Pte., d., 26/10/18.
Kirk, William, 79177, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Kirkpatrick, Samuel, 266581, Pte., d., 26/10/18.
Lambert, Francis, 42414, L/Cpl., d., 15/4/18.
Law, James Albert, 308685, Pte., d., 21/11/18.
Lawless, Thomas, 12451, Sgt., k., 19/11/17.
Lawrence, Sidney Alfred, 51163, Pte., k., 29/7/18.
Lawson, James, 85691, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Lawton, William Michael, 96534, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Leach, William, 332831, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Ledson, William Arthur, 96267, Cpl., d., 8/10/18.
Leech, Arthur, 53826, Cpl., k., 17/3/18, formerly 2169, Royal Field Artillery.
Leeming, Harold, 50254, Pte., d., 13/10/18, formerly 27595, East Lancashire Regiment.
Lenthall, Herbert, 53830, Pte., d., 18/4/18, formerly 122483, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Lingham, Frederick, 108999, Pte., k., 25/10/18.
Litherland, Albert, 96530, Pte., d., 25/10/18.
Livesey, James, 265795, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Lizars, Henry, 50384, Pte., k., 25/9/17, formerly 47667, Manchester Regiment.
Lloyd, Cecil Russell, 241527, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Love, Alexander, 85834, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Lowry, Edward, 49356, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Lyon, Albert, 26670, Pte., d., 27/10/18.
Lyon, John, 203593, Pte., d., 11/10/18.
Machin, William, 56379, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 32667, Manchester Regiment.
Mackenzie, Frederick, 18003, Pte., k., 27/9/17
Maddox, Robert, 56672, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Maguire, Thomas, 14527, Pte., d., 30/7/18.
Marriott, John, 32420, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Mason, Harold, 300497, Pte., d., 27/10/18, formerly 25201, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Massey, Samuel, 13643, A/L/Sgt., k., 26/9/17.
Matthews, Fred, 53267, L/Cpl., k., 25/9/17, formerly 335059, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
McAuley, Joseph, 10559, Pte., d.h., 17/3/19.
McCabe, James Bernard, 13240, Pte., k., 11/4/18, M.M.
McCarthy, James, 85674, Pte., d., 28/10/18.
McCartney, Edward, 266995, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
McDonald, James, 53906, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
McFarlane, John, 265427, Pte., d., 22/5/18.
McKeowen, Richard, 39193, L/Cpl., k., 18/4/18.
McLachlan, Archibald, 50387, Pte., d., 15/10/18, formerly 49661, Manchester Regiment.
McNamee, Edward, 95645, Pte., d., 2/10/18.
McPhee, David, 96539, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Meakin, Edward Stanley, 56725, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Middleton, William, 7204, Sgt., d., 17/4/18.
Miller, John Stanley, 49413, L/Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Milthorpe, James Fred, 49768, Pte., d., 13/9/18, formerly 30588, West Riding Regiment.
Minards, William, 331510, Pte., d., 16/4/18.
Minett, Fred, 51167, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 45809, Suffolk Regiment.
Minns, Henry, 38973, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Minshall, George, 85437, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Mister, Arthur, 85597, Pte., d., 27/4/18.
Mitchell, John Greig, 95648, L/Cpl., k., 11/8/18.
Moore, Albert, 86572, Pte., k., 11/8/18.
Moores, Edward, 85272, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 2157, Manchester Regiment.
Morley, John, 49523, Pte., k., 24/10/18, formerly 7927, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Morris, Robert, 30399, Pte., k., 21/9/18.
Morris, William Henry, 22778, Sgt., k., 16/4/18.
Mould, James Mann, 95647, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Mulgrew, Patrick, 11359, Pte., d., 10/10/18.
Mulland, Robert William, 307556, Pte., k., 16/4/18, M.M.
Murray, William, 305031, Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Needs, Harold Stafford, 56425, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Nice, William, 51168, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 45757, Suffolk Regiment.
Nicholls, John Dennis, 95652, Pte., d., 24/10/18.
Nolan, John, 96544, Pte., d., 18/11/18.
Norris, Samuel, 308052, Pte., d., 15/10/17, formerly 4703, Manchester Regiment.
North, George, 85017, Pte., d.h., 26/6/18, formerly 85947, 9th Lancers.
Oakes, Samuel Thomas, 380096, Cpl., k., 16/4/18, formerly 2871, Manchester Regiment.
Oddie, Bertie, 96549, Pte., d., 18/4/18.
Oldfield, Henry, 56382, Pte., d., 20/11/17, formerly 36495, Manchester Regiment.
Oldfield, William, 380773, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Oliver, Thomas, 269239, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
O'Neil, James, 57453, Pte., k., 20/9/18, formerly 1074, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Ormrod, Robert J., 48536, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 3745, Manchester Regiment.
Oswell, Ernest, 85054, A/Cpl., k., 23/10/18, formerly 24659, 17th Lancers.
Palmer, Horace John, 53807, Pte., d., 6/11/18, formerly 25203, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Palmer, Robert Henry, 8983, A/Sgt., k., 7/12/17, M.M.
Parcell, Alfred, 95817, Pte., d., 7/5/18.
Parkinson, John James, 13300, Cpl., d., 27/9/17.
Parrott, William James, 91243, Pte., d., 16/7/18, formerly 20016, Middlesex Regiment.
Paterson, Harry, 405368, Sgt., k., 24/10/18, formerly 42060, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Paul, Edgar, 29384, Pte., k., 23/11/17.
Peasant, Edward, 48178, Pte., d., 27/9/17.
Pendlebury, Harry, 30327, Pte., d., 19/4/18.
Penn, Joseph, 30409, Pte., d., 31/8/18.
Petridge, Henry, 105489, Pte., k., 23/10/18, formerly 39425, Royal Field Artillery.
Pilkington, Frederick, 14800, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Pilkington, Peter, 85658, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Pirrie, Alexander, 50581, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 8301, Royal Army Service Corps.
Plant, Sidney, 10704, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Popplewell, Joseph, 55733, Pte., d., 25/9/17.
Povall, William John, 92253, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Pratt, Thomas, 13321, A/Cpl., k., 16/4/18.
Price, John Edmund, 56415, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Quayle, James Frederick, 96557, Pte., d., 13/4/18.
Quine, Thomas Henry, 95204, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Redhead, George Robinson, 99607, Pte., k., 24/10/18, formerly 31669, Royal Flying Corps.
Redman, Clifford 86946, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 99471, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Redman, Robert, 27977, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Reeves, Albert Charles, 51224, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 32673, Norfolk Regiment.
Reynard, John Wright, 49313, A/Cpl., k., 7/5/18.
Rice, Ferdinand Raymond, 87103, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Rice, Patrick, 47490, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Rice, Samuel, 50572, Pte., k., 25/9/17, formerly S/4/109976, Royal Army Service Corps.
Rigby, Daniel, 267644, Pte., d., 19/5/18.
Rimmer, Ernest, 10318, Pte., d., 15/11/18, M.M.
Rimmer, Nicholas, 53260, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Roberts, Henry, 5733, Pte., d., 12/10/18.
Roberts, William, 10709, Pte., d., 21/11/17.
Robinson, Frank, 96558, Pte., d., 3/5/18.
Robinson, Richard, 64958, Pte., d., 7/11/18.
Roche, Thomas, 11139, Cpl., d., 23/4/18.
Roughsedge, Edward, 331706, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Rowan, James, 39112, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Russell, Alexander, 35226, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Ryan, John, 12045, Pte., d., 22/11/17.
Ryan, Michael, 267350, Pte., d., 27/9/17.
Salmon, Frank, 50566, Pte., k., 23/11/17.
Sanderson, Thomas Alfred, 91060, Pte., d., 6/11/18.
Sawyer, Henry, 99617, Pte., d., 7/5/18, formerly 34600, Royal Flying Corps.
Schofield, William, 17480, L/Cpl., d., 25/9/17.
Seddon, James, 56733, Pte., k., 19/8/17.
Shelvy, Joseph, 85692, Pte., d., 4/11/18.
Sidebottom, William Henry, 95835, Pte., d., 30/9/18.
Skeet, Robert, 99613, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 28395, Royal Flying Corps.
Slack, William, 14956, Cpl., d., 28/4/18.
Smith, Alfred, 51264, L/Cpl., k., 25/9/18, formerly 62242, Cheshire Regiment.
Smith, Charles, 332650, Pte., k., 9/5/18.
Smith, Charles John, 11176, Pte., d., 15/1/18.
Smith, Frank, 95829, Pte., d., 21/9/18.
Smith, John, 50396, Pte., k., 26/9/17, formerly 49765, Manchester Regiment.
Smith, William, 27117, Pte., d., 11/4/18.
Solk, Samuel Louis, 27006, Sgt., k., 17/4/18.
Southern, James, 108693, Pte., k., 7/11/18.
Southgate, Sydney John, 43951, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 41550, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Stanistreet, Thomas, 13997, Pte., k., 18/4/18.

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Staples, Edward, 300370, L/Cpl., d., 22/6/18, formerly 250388, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Stapleton, Arthur, 52472, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 29492, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Stephenson, Maurice, 56539, Pte., k., 25/9/17, formerly 23338, Border Regiment.
Stewart, William, 92195, Cpl., d., 29/10/18, formerly 29616, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Stone, George William, 50565, Pte., k., 17/4/18, formerly S/4/058861, Royal Army Service Corps.
Swarbrick, James, 50635, Pte., k., 11/8/18, formerly 33568, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Sweeniy, Robert, 46713, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Talbot, Herbert, 85967, Pte., k., 11/10/18.
Taylor, Edmund, 90935, Pte., k., 21/9/18.
Taylor, Harry Harvick, 332842, Pte., d., 22/10/18.
Taylor, Joseph Turner, 37596, Pte., k., 24/11/17.
Taylor, Peter, 30056, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Taylor, William, 109385, Pte., d., 28/10/18.
Telling, Edward Walton, 99620, Pte., d., 29/9/18, formerly 62348, Royal Flying Corps.
Thomas, Hornsby, 34800, Pte., k., 25/1/18.
Thomas, William James, 46583, Pte., d., 15/11/17.
Todd, William Henry, 99621, Pte., k., 25/10/18, formerly 45487, Royal Flying Corps.
Torr, Herbert Stanley, 92183, Pte., k., 23/7/18.
Townley, Henry Richard, 49240, Pte., k., 20/3/18, formerly 24150, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Tunnicliffe, George, 48289, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Varey, Robert, 29933, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Vass, William Frederick, 95490, A/Cpl., d., 23/10/18, formerly 11791, King's Royal Rifles Corps.
Vick, Robert Arthur, 59359, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Waine, John, 91254, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Wainwright, James Albert, 110277, Pte., d., 5/11/18.
Walch, William, 99627, Cpl., d., 23/6/18, formerly 31662, Royal Flying Corps.
Walker, George, 45343, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 24954, Cheshire Regiment.
Walker, Richard Stringer, 45950, Pte., k., 20/9/18.
Waller, Edward, 94363, Cpl., d., 29/4/18, formerly 23308, Border Regiment.
Walmsley, Leonard, 99726, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Ward, Arthur, 99624, Pte., k., 30/6/18.
Ward, James Herbert, 333030, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Waring, Stephen, 39229, Pte., d., 8/11/17.
Warren, George, 48093, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Watling, Andrew, 332854, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Watmough, Robert Giles, 27775, L/Cpl., d.h., 8/5/18.
Watson, Frederick James, 48514, Cpl., d., 12/10/18, M.M.
Wayman, Alfred Thomas Cooper, 11502, Sgt., d.h., 5/11/18.
Webster, George, 29893, Pte., k., 14/4/18.
Welbourne, Hadyn, 36807, L/Cpl., k., 25/9/17.
Welsh, Alfred, 64890, Pte., k., 24/11/17.
Welsh, Edward, 330881, Cpl., d., 10/3/18.
Welsh, James, 47011, Pte., k., 20/3/18.
White, Fred, 51208, Pte., d., 15/2/18, formerly 32461, Norfolk Regiment.
White, Joseph, 109445, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Wighton, William, 57589, Sgt., k., 21/9/18, formerly 932, Highland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Wilde, Arthur William John, 90956, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Wileman, John, 83035, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Williams, David Henry, 95847, Pte., d., 26/10/18.
Williams, Frederick, 51181, Pte., k., 6/11/18, formerly 45826, Suffolk Regiment.
Williams, Henry, 8966, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Wilson, Frederick, 18857, Pte., d., 24/11/17.
Wilson, Joseph, 38968, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Wilson, Oswald, 109279, Pte., d., 29/11/18.
Wilson, William, 332647, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Winder, Arthur, 91212, Pte., k., 14/7/18, formerly 39566, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Witter, Joseph, 267511, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Wood, Harry, 90954, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Wood, Robert, 3304141, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Woodall, Harold, 50403, Pte., d., 25/9/17, formerly 49811, Manchester Regiment.
Woodward, William, 23868, Pte., d., 18/4/18.
Woodward, William James, 99631, L/Cpl., d., 10/10/18, formerly 50647, Northampton Regiment.
Wrigley, Charles, 95320, A/Cpl., k., 23/10/18, formerly 32746, Border Regiment.
Yarker, Thomas Birkett, 48449, Pte., d., 26/10/18.
Youells, George William, 51209, Pte., d., 12/10/18, formerly 32425, Norfolk Regiment.
Young, Sidney, 25776, L/Cpl., d., 26/10/18.
Zeverona, John Demetrius, 18254, A/Sgt., d., 12/4/18.

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Aldridge, Ernest Swither, 201124, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Allen, Alfred, 32793, Pte., k., 15/9/17.
Anderson, John, 201495, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Anderton, Joseph, 203677, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Archer, Richard, 204099, Pte., d., 7/11/17.
Arnold, Robert, 86789, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Ash, Albert, 51285, Cpl., k., 1/10/18, formerly 18442, Devon. Regiment.
Ashburner, Martin, 96384, Pte., k., 30/4/18, formerly 2544, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Ashdown, Henry George, 99325, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 291099, Hunts. Cyclist Battalion.
Ashton, Ernest Wilson, 86794, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Ashton, William Henry, 202784, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Atkinson, John, 203110, Pte., d., 16/3/18.
Atkinson, Thomas, 235341, Cpl., k., 20/9/17, formerly 2524, Border Regiment.
Bailey, Frederick Norman, 235071, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 19746, Suffolk Regiment.
Bailey, James Grosvenor, 202456, Pte., d., 8/8/17.
Baines, Alfred, 91628, Pte., d., 24/9/18.
Barlass, Albert John, 85513, Cpl., d., 22/10/18, formerly 3286, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Barlow, James, 405349, Pte., d., 21/9/17, formerly 46744, R.W. Fusiliers.
Barlow, Richard, 203967, L/Cpl., d., 24/1/18.
Barnes, Joseph, 90214, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Barrie, Charles, 242012, Sgt., d., East Africa, 17/11/18.
Bartley, John Alfred, 202703, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Barton, Thomas Beech, 107640, Pte., d.h., 20/6/18.
Basham, Herbert William, 235027, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19716, Suffolk Regiment.
Baxter, William, 202801, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Beach, Alfred, 87310, Pte., d., 10/6/18.
Beardsell, Arthur, 203200, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Beasley, Frederick, 96390, Pte., d., 19/11/18, formerly 2470, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Beavis, Frederick, 203039, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19814, Suffolk Regiment.
Beesley, William, 300467, Pte., k., 4/11/18, formerly 250416, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Bell, James, 235346, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4641, Border Regiment.
Bellis, George Albert, 242059, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Bennett, William, 203099, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Bennett, William, 307834, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Bennion, John Joseph Henry, 201152, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Benson, Jack William Seymour, 202650, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Bentham, Elisha, 200897, Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Berry, Peter Robert, 268147, Pte., d., 30/10/18.
Betton, Richard Joseph, 201835, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Betts, Benjamin Forest, 235063, Pte., d., 11/10/17, formerly 19823, Suffolk Regiment.
Bicknell, Ernest, 201858, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Bimpson, Herbert, 203840, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Birch, Thomas, 380512, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Birkenhead, John, 381177, Pte., d., 20/12/17.
Birkett, Thomas, 203135, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 4568, Manchester Regiment.
Black, John, 87854, Pte., k., 5/8/18.
Black, John, 307712, Pte., k., 18/9/18.
Blair, Joseph, 235344, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4568, Border Regiment.
Blundell, Ernest Henry, 200909, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
Bloomfield, Sidney Samuel, 235012, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 19852, Suffolk Regiment.
Board, Alfred James, 90337, Pte., d.h., 9/11/17.
Bonnar, Joseph, 95324, Pte., d., 11/9/18, formerly 66205, Manchester Regiment.
Booth, Samuel, 105434, Pte., k., 17/9/18.
Boothman, Fred, 380492, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Bowers, William, 202639, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Bradley, Frank, 203936, Pte., d., 3/8/17.

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Bradley, Herman John, 49273, Pte., k., 8/9/18.
Bretherton, Richard, 242705, Pte., k., 3/9/18.
Brewer, John, 200147, Cpl., d., 24/9/18.
Briers, Harry, 51459, Pte., k., 1/12/17.
Brown, Arthur John, 235023, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19715, Suffolk Regiment.
Brown, Charles Ernest Edward, 99400, Pte., d., 22/10/18, formerly 291512, Hunts. Cyclist Battalion.
Brown, Daniel Haines, 200555, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Brown, John, 17783, Pte., k., 4/8/18.
Brown, John Charles, 105462, Pte., k., 3/10/18, formerly 528091, Labour Corps.
Brown, John Joseph, 405054, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Brown, William, 204767, Pte., d., 16/4/18.
Burbridge, William James, 48375, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Burton, Harry Woodbridge, 202214, Pte., k., 15/7/17.
Butterworth, Fred, 51474, Pte., d., 12/11/17.
Cafferata, Herbert, 202793, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Canavan, Edward Cornelius, 30050, Cpl., d., 11/4/18.
Case, William Thomas, 204452, Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 2174, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Charles, Benjamin James, 86460, Pte., d., 29/4/18.
Charles, Frederick, 204449, Sgt., k., 9/4/18, formerly 1456, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Charles, Stanley William, 235015, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19691, Suffolk Regiment.
Charlesworth, Albert, 99291, Pte., k., 1/5/18, formerly 97886, Notts & Derby Regiment.
Charrington, Arthur Gerald, 203904, L/Cpl., d., 31/7/17.
Clague, Douglas, 56974, Pte., d., 26/7/18.
Clark, James, 202154, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Clarke, Harry, 202288, Pte., d., 22/1/18.
Cohen, Benjamin, 200228, Sgt., k., 20/9/17.
Colcutt, Harold Edgar, 201877, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Cole, Ernest, 99334, Pte., k., 4/5/18, formerly 291241, Hunts. Cyclist Battalion.
Comer, Michael Anthony, 95353, Pte., k., 14/10/18.
Comley, Herbert Edgar, 50903, Pte., k., 11/1/18.
Conroy, Thomas, 201928, Pte., d., 15/7/17.
Cooper, Arthur John, 105496, Pte., k., 21/10/18.
Cooper, Henry, 99392, Pte., d., 28/4/18, formerly 303075 Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.).
Corkish, John James, 203097, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Cornwall, Edward, 200288, Sgt., k., 9/4/18, D.C.M. and M.M.
Court, Stephen, 200810, Cpl., k., 26/7/17.
Coward, James Henry, 200221, Pte., k., 26/7/17.
Cowle, Albert, 201498, Sgt., k., 9/4/18, M.M.
Cowley, Edward Clarke, 201021, Pte., d., 27/10/17.
Cowley, John, 202006, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Cowsill, John, 51457, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Cox, Thomas, 202711, Pte., k., 31/7/17, M.M.
Coyne, Charles, 202708, L/Sgt., d., 6/10/17.
Craig, James, 202308, Pte., k., 13/7/17.
Crangle, James, 203987, Pte., d., 2/11/17.
Creighton, James Stanley, 48569, Pte., k., 21/10/18 formerly 5018, Manchester Regiment.
Croft, John Frederick, 201459, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Crosbie, Robert, 200913, Cpl., k., 9/4/18., D.C.M.
Crosby, Harold, 201164, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Cunningham, Wilfrid, 200568, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Curran, Michael, 201166, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Dando, Herbert, 50585, Pte., k., 15/10/18, formerly T/4/065351, Royal Army Service Corps.
Daniels, John, 204459, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 1521, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Darcy, John James, 41260, Pte., k., 1/10/18.
Darlington, Robert, 200427, Cpl., k., 24/7/17, M.M.
Davies, Alfred, 10835, Pte., k., 26/10/17.
Davies, Hugh, 201156, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Davies, John, 202906, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Dawson, Joseph Tyson Park, 202967, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Dean, John Samuel, 200875, Sgt., d., 7/11/18, M.M.
Derbyshire, James Thomas, 203885, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
De Vicq, Elmo, 202140, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Dewhurst, George, 86698, Pte., k., 9/7/18, formerly 32345, Manchester Regiment.
Dickinson, James Henry, 202635, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Dilley, Charles, 91260, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 123270, Royal Field Artillery.
Dixon, Thomas, 235348, Pte., k., 14/10/18, formerly 202581, Border Regiment.
Dowlin, Samuel, 306933, L/Cpl., d., 9/4/18.
Dunn, Arthur, 90265, Pte., d.h., 26/8/18.
Dunn, John, 94387, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 35280, Border Regiment.
Dunn, John Isaac, 40153, Pte., k., 18/8/17, formerly 29980, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Dunning, William, 202714, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Eaves, Alfred, 13712, Cpl., k., 29/10/17.
Edwards, Arthur George, 408133, Pte., k., 23/5/18, formerly 2459, Norfolk Regiment.
Edwards, John, 380033, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 868, Manchester Regiment.
Edwards, Oliver, 200603, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Eilbeck, Joseph, 200327, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Elderkin, Robert Charles, 235005, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 19690, Suffolk Regiment.
Ellwood, Ernest, 235350, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 4481, Border Regiment.
Ellwood, William, 87861, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Evans, Owen, 201842, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Evans, Richard, 90685, Pte., k., 26/9/18, formerly 32827, North Lancashire Regiment.
Evans, Thomas, 202208, Pte., d., 26/7/17.
Evans, William George, 381481, L/Cpl., k., 21/10/18.
Fairhurst, William, 204224, Pte., d., 1/12/17.
Farrish, Gordon, 57207, Pte., k., 21/10/18.
Fielden, Charles, 51456, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Finn, Thomas, 47136, Pte., k., 22/7/17.
Fitt, Frank Herbert, 235096, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 19887, Suffolk Regiment.
Fitzhughes, Horatio, 95489, Pte., d., 3/12/18, formerly 19263, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Foreman, Alexander William, 99328, Pte., k., 30/4/18, formerly 291130, Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion.
Fowler, Edward, 200928, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Fowles, Frank, 202183, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Foy, Joseph, 204457, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 1432, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Fray, Owen Francis, 99394, Pte., d., 29/9/18, formerly M/301952, Royal Army Service Corps, M.M.
Fretwell, Harry, 99295, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 86462, Notts. and Derby. Regiment.
Fryer, William Arthur, 203161, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Garland, Peter, 200188, L/Cpl., d., 4/5/18, M.M.
Gerrard, John William, 202102, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Gibbens, Albert Edward, 51231, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 31230, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Gibbons, Patrick, 331762, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Gidman, John Harris, 96686, Pte., d.h., 30/4/18.
Goodwill, David, 46632, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Gowland, Ernest William, 201558, Pte., d., 7/8/17.
Graves, Charles Stanley, 202518, Pte., k., 15/10/18.
Graves, Thomas, 201258, Pte., d., 31/10/17.
Greaves, Harry Vincent, 51476, Pte., k., 21/10/18.
Greaves, Robert, 201027, Cpl., k., 9/4/18, M.M.
Green, Arthur, 268082, Pte., d., 12/4/18.
Greenhow, Andrew, 202320, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Griffiths, Richard Benbow, 88628, Pte., d., 29/8/17, formerly 203555, East Surrey Regiment.
Grundy, William George, 204808, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Guy, William Joseph, 202765, L/Sgt., d., 1/8/17.
Hacking, Thomas, 51478, Pte., d., 30/11/17.
Haggett, Earl Augustus William, 202613, Pte., k., 13/3/18.
Hall, Alick, 91257, Pte., k., 17/9/18, formerly 116460, Royal Field Artillery.
Hannaway, John Joseph, 88716, L/Cpl., d., 17/9/18.
Hanson, Newsome, 58509, Pte., k., 18/8/17, formerly 37566, Manchester Regiment.
Harbour, Herbert, 201379, Pte., d., 29/10/17.
Hardman, John Stanley, 95375, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 59516, Manchester Regiment.
Hargreaves, Stanley, 51458, Pte., k., 14/3/18.
Harrison, Fred, 91852, Pte., k., 3/9/18.
Harrison, James, 201287, Pte., d., 9/5/18.
Hartley, Stanley, 200088, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Harvey, John, 49334, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Harvey, William Victor, 235087, Pte., k., 23/7/17, formerly 19815, Suffolk Regiment.
Hastie, William, 201653, Sgt., k., 25/10/17.
Haworth, James Henry, 203748, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Heald, Harry, 204010, Pte., k., 26/7/17.
Heapy, Frank, 99378, Pte., d., 14/5/18, formerly 98610, Army Cyclist Corps.
Henry, Robert, 203067, Pte., k., 22/7/17.
Herczel, Morris, 202209, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Hey, Lawrence William, 308220, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
High, George Leech, 235351, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 202747, Border Regiment.
Higson, Joseph, 203918, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Hill, Arthur, 235353, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 202958, Border Regiment.
Hills, George Norris, 99326, Pte., k., 30/4/18, formerly 291104, Army Cyclist Corps.
Hodgson, Joseph, 204085, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Holding, Robert, 242896, Pte., d., 5/4/18.
Horner, John, 203078, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Horrocks, William Henry, 99386, Pte., k., 29/4/18.

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Quiney, Stephen Corlett, 202567, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Quinn, Patrick, 202744, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Raphael, Leopold Barnard, 235067, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 19804, Suffolk Regiment.
Ravey, Thomas, 96428, Pte., k., 2/6/18, formerly 2495, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Ready, Harry, 201042, Sgt., d., 13/8/17.
Redmond, John, 200978, L/Sgt., d., 3/5/18.
Redmond, Sylvester, 267554, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Rednall, Henry Walter, 235064, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 19870, Suffolk Regiment.
Reed, Albert Victor, 51040, Pte., d., 5/5/18, formerly 3402, 7th Yeomanry Cyclist Company.
Reid, John, 57454, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 15301, Army Cyclist Corps.
Richards, Albert E., 86573, Pte., d., 12/10/18.
Richardson, Matthew, 202746, L/Cpl., d., 14/3/18.
Ridgway, John, 200414, A/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Ridgway, Samuel, 202169, Pte., d.h., 2/4/18.
Riley, Tom, 95857, Pte., d., 7/5/18.
Rimmer, Gilbert, 204233, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Robert, John William, 202237, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Roberts, Godfrey Lees, 204282, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Roberts, John, 49375, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Roberts, John Richard, 99388, Pte., k., 28/4/18, formerly 48629, Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion.
Roberts, Ranji, 40786, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 30505, W. Riding Regiment.
Robertson, John, 99367, d.h., 17/11/18, formerly 319113, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Robertson, John, 235361, Pte., d., 21/11/18, formerly 4595, Border Regiment.
Rogers, Leonard, 51465, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Rogerson, John, 85964, Pte., k., 17/4/18.
Rothwell, Charles, 204237, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Rothwell, Richard, 200787, Sgt., d.h., 13/12/18.
Rourke, Harold, 201361, Pte., d., 5/8/17.
Ruscoe, Arthur, 381663, L/Cpl., k., 7/9/18, formerly 5265, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Rushton, Harry, 203827, Pte., k., 3/5/18.
Russell, Ernest, 85740, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 43727, Cheshire Regiment.
Saunders, Albert John, 202751, Pte., k., 4/8/18.
Scragg, Roger James, 203214, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Seaton, Horace, 49797, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 16964, W. Riding Regiment.
Seddon, Thomas Baker, 204156, Pte., d., 29/3/18.
Shaw, John Ernest, 202575, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Shaw, Percy, 49794, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30502, W. Riding Regiment.
Sheffield, Walter, 52240, Pte., k., 23/7/17, formerly 4071, Manchester Regiment.
Shepherd, Frederick Lawrence, 99336, Pte., d., 18/10/18, formerly 2710, Huntingdonshire Cycle Battalion.
Shorrock, Harold, 50899, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Shuttleworth, Tom, 113398, Pte., d.h., 15/11/18.
Skillicorn, Thomas, 202797, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Smallwood, Thomas Baxter, 204271, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Smethum, James Harold, 200007, Sgt., d.h., 20/10/17.
Smith, Charles Lionel, 96429, Pte., k., 21/10/18, formerly 2291, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Smith, Francis Edgar, 201121, Pte., d., 5/8/17.
Smith, Frederick, 380087, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 3628, Manchester Regiment.
Smith, George Vincent, 49829, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 29988, West Riding Regiment.
Smith, John, 2568, Cpl., k., 1/7/17.
Smith, John, 380494, Pte., d., 11/2/19, formerly 3659, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Smith, Robert, 241388, Pte., k., 14/10/18.
Smith, Thomas, 202105, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Smith, William, 49788, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30153, West Riding Regiment.
Southworth, Thomas Herbert, 204034, Pte., k., 24/1/18.
Stammers, William Henry, 94388, Pte., d., 3/5/18, formerly 242305, Royal Engineers.
Staniforth, Henry James, 204287, Pte., k., 5/8/17.
Stead, Ernest, 49802, Pte., k., 7/11/17, formerly 30605, West Riding Regiment.
Stead, William, 49790, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 30339, West Riding Regiment.
Steane, Charles, 56689, Pte., k., 23/1/18.
Stenton, Harry, 51496, Pte., k., 25/3/18.
Stephenson, Harry, 49837, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 30624, West Riding Regiment.
Strickland, Norman, 202753, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Tallon, John, 201845, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Tann, John, 203057, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Taylor, Henry, 96432, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Taylor, Nicholas, 202757, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Taylor, Stephen, 380187, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 2515, Manchester Regiment.
Teece, Robert Hicks, 24364, Pte., k., 18/8/17, formerly 30761, Manchester Regiment.
Temple, Leonard, 99218, Pte., k., 28/4/18, formerly 290500, Hunts. Cyclist Battalion.
Thomas, Frederick Stanley, 202667, Sgt., d., 1/12/18, M.M.
Thomas, William, 204383, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Thompson, Goddard, 306076, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Thompson, John, 200115, Cpl., d., 21/9/17.
Thorley, Ernest, 88674, Pte., k., 29/10/17, formerly 33559, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Thornton, George Henry, 269545, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Threadingham, William, 235097, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19888, Suffolk Regiment.
Tidy, George, 202290, A/L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Tinsley, Robert, 202672, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Tinworth, Walter, 235041, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19874, Suffolk Regiment.
Toner, Albert Ernest, 200018, C.Q.M.S., k., 9/4/18, M.M.
Tonge, Joseph, 195458, Pte., k., 17/8/18.
Topping, William Barlow, 51239, Pte., d., 30/11/17, formerly 27762, East Lancashire Regiment.
Tracey, John Joseph, 202168, Pte., k., 6/1/18.
Turner, Clarence, 201220, Pte., d., 27/7/17.
Ulrich, Ernest William, 49812, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30159, W. Riding Regiment.
Underwood, Arthur Herbert, 235081, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19763, Suffolk Regiment.
Usher, Tom William Ernest, 208161, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Wainwright, Frederick, 202675, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Waldron, Leonard, 200360, Sgt., k., 9/4/18.
Wareham, Elias, 88943, Pte., k., 3/5/18.
Wark, John, 49832, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly, 16979, W. Riding Regiment.
Wark, Samuel, 49831, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 16978, W. Riding Regiment.
Waters, William, 325087, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 3650, London Regiment.
Waterworth, Harold Leyland, 200152, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Waugh, Joseph, 204569, Pte., d.h., 11/11/17, formerly 1808, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Webb, Charles, 202762, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Webb, Charles William, 235040, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19851, Suffolk Regiment.
Webster, Thomas B., 203223, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Westerside, Edward, 202681, Pte., d., 8/7/17.
White, Albert, 49815, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 16963, W. Riding Regiment.
White, Alex. Peter, 235094, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19842, Suffolk Regiment.
White, Charles John, 200524, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
White, Victor Mark, 51228, Pte., d., 25/9/17, formerly T/2S.R/03154, Royal Army Service Corps.
Whiteley, Walter, 201051, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Whitley, Harold, 88936, Pte., d., 13/4/18.
Whittle, Bruno, 96435, Pte., d., 24/5/18, formerly 2460, 2/1st Lancashire Hussars.
Wicks, Arthur, 49816, Pte., k., 30/8/18, formerly 30328, W. Riding Regiment.
Wilcock, George, 200979, Pte., d., 6/11/18.
Wilcox, Charles Ernest, 202683, Pte., d., 7/8/17.
Wilkinson, Thomas, 72547, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Williams, Hugh, 380561, Pte., k., 3/11/17, formerly 6302, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Williams, John, 96437, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 2445, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Williams, Stephen, 201924, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Williams, Sydney Alfred, 201930, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Williams, Thomas, 202685, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Williams, Thomas, 381532, Pte., k., 3/11/17.
Williams, William, 51446, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Williams, William, 200953, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Wilson, Frank, 203783, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Wilson, Robert Hayton, 235366, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 202877, Border Regiment.
Wood, Harold John, 307372, Sgt., d., 12/4/18.
Woodacre, Thomas, 107794, Pte., d.h., 18/5/18.
Woodman, James Emanuel, 94382, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 34810, Border Regiment.
Woods, Frederick James, 202270, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Woods, James, 268092, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Woolston, Bryan, 50037, Pte., k., 25/6/18, formerly M/225703, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.).
Worthington, Fred, 88932, Pte., k., 4/11/18.
Yeoman, George, 91258, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 116151, Royal Field Artillery.
Young, William Arthur, 203072, Pte., k., 24/7/17.

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Howard, Charles Ernest, 203061, Pte., d., 11/8/17.
Howard, Fred, 202725, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Howard, John, 203066, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Howard, Reginald, 204631, Cpl., k., 20/9/17, formerly 8070, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Howarth, Edward, 51230, Pte., d., 17/7/18, formerly 24596, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Hughes, John, 300658, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hughes, John, 202722, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Hulm, Harry, 202768, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Hunter, William, 235352, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4419, Border Regiment.
Innocent, Oliver Charles, 50108, Pte., k., 17/9/18, formerly 6604, W. Surrey Regiment.
Ivison, James Ernest, 51490, Pte., d., 12/4/18.
Jacobson, Charles, 94395, Pte., d., 12/11/18, formerly 35272, Border Regiment.
Jaggard, Charles, 235075, Pte., k., 17/9/18, formerly 19740, Suffolk Regiment.
Jannett, Arthur, 51191, Pte., d.h., 1/5/18.
Jenkins, Stephen, 381501, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Jennings, Harry Stanley, 204487, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 1588, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Johnson, Richard, 202727, L/Cpl., d., 24/4/18.
Jones, Arthur, 200254, Sgt., k., 9/4/18.
Jones, Charles, 267951, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Jones, Harold, 204480, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 1418, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Jones, Samuel, 200160, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Jones, Samuel, 202728, Pte., k., 28/5/18.
Jones, Thomas, 23572, Pte., d.h., 26/12/17.
Jones, Thomas Richard, 200578, Cpl., d.h., 13/10/17.
Jordon, Herbert M., 201414, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Keegan, John James, 204197, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Kehoe, James, 305948, Pte., d., 18/8/18.
Kelly, Edward, 331601, Pte., k., 7/11/17.
Kelly, William James, 51304, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 5387, Gloucestershire Regiment.
Kelso, Andrew, 203816, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Kempster, George, 330717, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Kershaw, Percy, 95627, Pte., k., 21/10/18.
Kiddie, John William, 201723, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Killen, Robert Charles, 200308, L/Sgt., d., 21/11/17, M.M.
King, Ernest, 50244, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 34959, Suffolk Regiment.
King, Thomas, 235446, Pte., d., 25/11/17, formerly 330638, Warwickshire Regiment.
Kinrade, John, 202787, Pte., d., 3/7/17.
Kitchen, Thomas, 88948, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Knight, Thomas, 51023, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 5761, Royal West Surrey Regiment.
Laing, James, 202735, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Lambert, George, 47016, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Lancaster, John, 200778, Sgt., d., 17/5/18.
Langley, William, 201840, Pte., k., 27/7/18.
Lankester, William Joseph, 235083, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19786, Suffolk Regiment.
Lannin, Leslie, 200527, Sgt., k., 19/3/18.
Last, Percy, 235077, Pte., k., 22/4/18, formerly 19751, Suffolk Regiment.
Lawson, William Henry, 201563, Pte., k., 3/9/18.
Lee, Norman, 200624, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Lee, Percy John, 268198, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Leech, Fred, 202795, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Leeming, Henry, 241443, Pte., k., 18/9/18.
Leeson, John, 202732, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Lehame, Thomas, 202388, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Lette, Percy, 202066, Cpl., k., 3/8/17.
Lewingdon, Albert George, 235073, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 19752, Suffolk Regiment.
Lewis, Lawson, 235355, Pte., k., 23/7/17, formerly 202946, Border Regiment.
Lister, Eric, 380415, Pte., d., 4/1/18, formerly 1682, Border Regiment.
Little, Charles Henry, 84912, Pte., k., 3/11/17.
Lloyd, Harry, 90355, Pte., k., 4/5/18, formerly 21869, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Lloyd, John, 204356, L/Cpl., k., 27/8/18.
Locke, William, 58286, Pte., d.h., 7/10/18, formerly 52005, Cheshire Regiment.
Lorimer, Cyril James, 203198, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Luck, William, 51030, Pte., k., 17/9/18, formerly 140548, Norfolk Yeomanry.
Lydiate, Joseph Richard, 270025, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Lynn, Joseph, 381645, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 242357 North Lancashire Regiment.
Lyons, Alexander Ross, 200848, Sgt., k., 24/7/17.
Mackerell, John, 57039, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Mackin, James, 203104, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Madden, Henry Peter, 203855, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Maguire, Charles, 267966, Pte., d., 1/5/18.
Mainey, Mark Henry, 200723, Sgt., d., 5/8/17.
Makin, Sidney, 380519, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4327, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Mallows, Frederick, 42749, Pte., k., 29/8/18.
Marsden, James Lewis, 91860, Pte., k., 7/9/18.
Martin, Joseph, 201542, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Martland, Alfred, 200720, Cpl., d.h., 7/10/18.
Martland, Robert, 204023, Pte., k., 6/7/17.
Maughan, William, 201035, Pte., k., 14/8/17.
Mayor, Harry, 241012, Pte., d., 12/5/18.
Mazerkoff, Bernard, 202041, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McCartney, Walter, 96404, Pte., d., 19/7/18, formerly 2384, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
McCluskey, Albert, 90897, Pte., k., 1/10/18.
McClymont, William George, 203371, Pte., k., 18/8/17.
McHugh, Francis, 331891, Pte., d., 24/9/17.
McKenna, James, 20370, Pte., d., 26/3/18.
McKnight, Clement, 202276, L/Cpl., k., 24/7/17.
McLaughlin, Thomas, 201245, Pte., d.h., 16/7/17.
McLennan, Henry, 200559, L/Cpl., d., 3/8/17.
McLeod, Norman Stewart, 307706, Pte., k., 18/3/18.
McMillin, Samuel, 201537, Pte., d., 27/6/18.
McNeil, Peter, 202466, Pte., d., 10/8/17.
McWhinnie, John William, 201934, L/Cpl., k., 24/7/17.
Meadowcroft, Harold, 51492, Pte., d., 7/9/18.
Mehard, Robert, 200525, Pte., d., 25/1/18.
Menham, Donald William, 201691, Pte., d., 24/4/18.
Mercer, Edward, 200708, Cpl., k., 20/7/17.
Merchant, George Thomas, 51302, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 43315, Devonshire Regiment.
Merrick, John Lewyn, 270003, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Metcalf, William, 204097, Pte., d., 6/8/17.
Millet, Joseph, 240193, Pte., k., 25/3/18, M.M.
Mills, John, 202789, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Morgan, Joseph, 201920, Pte., k., 24/9/17.
Moore, William, 202789, A/Sgt., d., 20/4/18, M.M.
Morris, Edgar Stanley, 201340, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Moss, Fred, 20367, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Mottram, Ernest, 51471, L/Cpl., d.h., 19/12/18.
Munnings, Frederick Joseph, 204426, L/Cpl , k , 24/7/17, formerly 1549, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Murray, Thomas, 202738, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Nettles, William, 331623, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Offord, Arthur, 94394, Pte., d., 9/4/18, formerly 23793, Border Regiment.
Oliver, Lewis Edward, 88648, Pte., k., 29/10/17, formerly 33657, East Surrey Regiment.
Ormrod, Thomas, 51461, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Osborn, John, 202647, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Osborne, Leonard Walter, 235011, Pte., d., 1/8/17, formerly 19779, Suffolk Regiment.
Ostle, Thomas Rigg, 235358, Pte., d., 12/5/18, formerly 203901, Border Regiment.
Parkinson, Alfred Victor, 200193, Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Parry, Robert Ernest, 200435, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Partington, Robert Alfred, 201052, Sgt., k., 9/4/18.
Pascoe, John, 203867, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Paul, William Baylis, 200946, Pte., d., 18/7/17.
Payne, John William, 308355, Sgt., k., 17/8/18, formerly 4575, Manchester Regiment, M.M.
Peel, Stanley, 202611, A/Sgt., d.h., 4/11/18.
Perrett, Arthur, 235448, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 5249, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Peters, Edward, 307047, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Pickford, Thomas, 380177, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 2203, Manchester Regiment, D.C.M.
Podd, William Charles, 235035, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19803, Suffolk Regiment.
Pope, James, 41958, Pte., k., 20/9/18.
Potter, James, 33063, Pte., d., 23/10/18.
Poulson, Arthur Henry, 235026, Pte., d., 9/8/17, formerly 19710, Suffolk Regiment.
Poulson, William, 202358, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Pounder, Alexander David, 105355, Pte., d., 8/11/18.
Powell, Albert, 305059, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 155366, Royal Field Artillery.
Pownall, Thomas James, 95170, Pte., d., 25/9/18.
Pretten, James Henry, 201198, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Probert, Thomas, 34752, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Proctor, William Sidney, 204484, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 906, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Purgold, Raymond Charles, 201033, Sgt., d., 3/8/17.
Purvis, William, 51229, Pte., d., 22/9/17, formerly M/206271, Royal Army Service Corps.
Quarrill, George, 202025, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Quayle, Charles Wilkinson, 201794, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Quilliam, James Douglas, 16882, Pte., k., 5/6/18.
Quine, Herbert, 200886, L/Cpl., k., 24/7/17.

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Abbott, Bertram, 240469, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Aberg, Alfred Felix, 88842, Pte., d., 10/4/18.
Adams, Arthur, 49980, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 36538, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Adams, Vivian, 241625, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Aitken, Allan Creighton, 242466, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Alexander, George, 330846, Cpl., d., 9/5/18.
Anderson, Isaac, 242648, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Anderson, John Headley, 241275, Cpl., k., 1/9/18.
Angell, Arthur, 241279, Pte., k., 12/7/17.
Annison, Sam, 242631, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Ashcroft, George Washington, 331201, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Ashcroft, John Edward, 240830, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Ashworth, Thomas, 50705, Pte., d., 31/10/17.
Askew, Robert, 202951, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Aspinall, William, 242475, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Atkinson, James, 243656, Pte., d., 8/8/17.
Bain, Robert, 29156, Sgt., k., 1/9/18.
Baines, John Charles, 22005, C.Q.M.S., k., 3/5/18.
Baker, Mathew, 241645, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Ball, Thomas Samuel, 241086, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Bamber, Thomas, 50718, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Bancroft, Hartley Dean, 88848, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Bandell, Harry, 241547, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Banks, Arthur Frederick, 240508, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Banks, Harry, 242817, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Banning, Joseph, 240958, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Barned, Leonard, 242249, Pte., k., 12/9/18.
Barnett, James, 241030, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Barnham, William, 88596, Pte., k., 12/9/18, formerly 5267, East Surrey Regiment.
Barton, James, 242814, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Barton, James Louis, 64779, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Bates, Donald, 241660, L/Sgt., k., 30/11/17.
Bean, John Gordon, 241503, L/Cpl., k., 2/7/17.
Benson, William, 50710, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Bentley, William Ronald, 242684, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Betham, George Herbert, 265241, Pte., d., 20/7/17.
Bethell, Charles, 90382, Pte., k., 26/9/18.
Bicknell, Thomas, 242706, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Binnall, William George, 260051, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 201553, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Bissell, Thomas James, 241385, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Blackburn, John Willie, 235598, Pte., k., 4/10/18, formerly 8893, W. Riding Regiment.
Blakeley, George, 243684, Pte., k., 7/9/17.
Boag, Arthur Joseph, 242273, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Boardman, Alfred, 88085, Pte., d., 28/5/18.
Boase, Howard, 241610, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Boggild, Charles, 305743, Pte., d., 12/9/18.
Boon, Edward, 49920, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 35810, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Booth, George Lewis, 49927, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 37039, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Bourne, William Henry, 95457, Pte., k., 17/5/18, formerly 38737, Worcester Regiment.
Bowen, Alfred, 380792, Pte., d., 7/10/18.
Bowen, Charles Ernest, 88851, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Boyle, Austin, 330174, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Buckley, Ernest, 85468, Pte., k., 14/6/18.
Burden, John Ernest, 241216, Cpl., k., 28/10/17.
Burden, Joseph Ainge, 240331, Sgt., k., 30/11/17.
Burne, Arthur George, 268380, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Burrows, Alfred Britton, 260005, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 290335, North Lancashire Regiment.
Butler, Herbert, 88836, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Bradley, Bruno Victor, 240801, Pte., k., 15/7/17.
Bradley, John, 242789, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Bradshaw, Charles Herbert, 240532, Cpl., d., 21/3/18.
Bradshaw, Robert, 242616, Pte., d., 23/11/17.
Breckenridge, Archibald, 241654, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Brennan, Thomas, 260007, Pte., d.h., 30/10/17, formerly 290191, North Lancashire Regiment.
Briggs, Charles Arnold, 49991, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 37052, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Brock, George Alfred, 49984, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 35829, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Brookes, James William George, 49922, Pte., d., 25/12/17, formerly 36539, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Brookes, William Henry, 105586, Pte., d., 12/9/18.
Broom, Harold, 51619, L/Cpl., d., 5/10/18, M.M.
Brown, William Donaby, 50715, L/Cpl., k., 10/12/17.
Browne, Charles, 260003, Pte., k., 29/7/17, formerly 42678, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Burke, Thomas, 308978, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Cain, John Stirling, 241561, Pte., d.h., 9/4/20.
Caldwell, Harold, 85958, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Carline, Ernest, 241781, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Carless, William Harold, 88864, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Carmey, John William, 72494, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Carr, Arthur Ernest, 243895, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Carter, Thomas Lionel, 241428, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Catterall, William, 50728, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Chapman, Edwin, 86801, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Cheers, Samuel James, 241682, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Cheetham, Taylor, 51144, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 5153, W. Riding Regiment.
Cheshire, George Frederick, 242515, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Chesworth, Thomas, 241637, Pte., d., 17/9/17.
Child, William Joseph, 43780, Pte., k., 30/9/18, formerly 40359, Welsh Regiment.
Clague, Thomas Edwin, 51480, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Clark, Frank, 12892, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Clark, Jack, 243777, Pte., k., 16/6/18.
Clayton, William Moss, 203414, Pte., d., 27/9/17.
Clee, Arthur Blundell, 51380, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Clegg, George Henry, 242845, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Clifton, Albert, 85363, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 481216, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Clulo, James, 269612, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Collinge, John, 105591, Pte., d., 9/9/18, formerly 94513, Manchester Regiment.
Collins, Edgar, 50308, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 262102, Royal Army Service Corps.
Connor, John, 41915, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Conway, Michael, 242652, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Cooke, Joseph, 202709, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Cooke, John Ashton, 235270, L/Cpl., k., 21/10/18, formerly 202627, Yorkshire Regiment.
Cooper, Robert, 4585, Pte., d.h., 1/8/17.
Cooper, James, 381131, Pte., d., 30/8/18.
Copestake, William Arthur, 51131, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17, formerly 27239, Lincolnshire Regiment.
Corbett, Alfred, 88860, Pte., d., 6/9/18.
Coulton, James, 35970, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Coupland, Harold Hamer, 242013, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Cousins, George Harold, 240779, R.Q.M.S., k., 21/5/18.
Crabtree, Thomas, 105604, Pte., d., 6/9/18.
Crane, Thomas, 241575, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Crowther, Albert, 105605, Pte., d., 11/9/18.
Cullen, Fred, 88230, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 7303, S. Lancashire Regiment.
Curwen, Thomas, 105606, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Dales, David, 48582, Pte., d., 7/8/17.
Dalrymple, John, 57372, Sgt., d., 17/9/18, formerly 19, Royal Scots, M.M.
Darcy, John, 200538, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Davenport, Richard, 94278, Pte., k., 3/5/18, formerly 14542, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Davenport, Samuel, 88869, Pte., k., 4/9/18.
Davies, Arthur Llewellyn, 204206, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Davies, Frank, 242195, Pte., d., 4/9/18.
Davies, Frederick, 266471, L/Cpl., k., 21/6/18.
Davies, Hugh Stephen, 240688, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Davies, John Harold, 267594, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Davies, Leslie Charles, 241909, L/Cpl., d., 10/12/17.
Davies, William, 241061, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Davies, William Henry, 242618, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Dean, Henry Edgar, 241019, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Dearden, James, 380540, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 5545, Lancashire Fusiliers.
De Valve, Leslie Grierson, 240231, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Devoy, James, 13036, Cpl., k., 1/9/18.
Dewhurst, William, 305710, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Dixon, Albert Edward, 49996, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 36985, N. Staffordshire Regiment.
Donaldson, Herbert, 242114, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Donnelly, Hilton, 88871, Pte., d., 15/4/18.
Dossor, Norman, 240702, Cpl., k., 12/7/17.
Doubleday, John, 331352, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Downey, James, 50323, Pte., d., 8/9/18, formerly T/293610, Royal Army Service Corps.
Duggan, William, 52574, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17, formerly 2812, Manchester Regiment.
Dunn, James, 241078, Cpl., k., 20/3/18.
Dunn, Rufus, 242846, Pte., k., 29/7/17.
Easterby, John, 49718, Pte., d., 14/4/18, formerly 30606, W. Riding Regiment.
Eastwood, Harry, 243685, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Eccles, Richard, 241510, Pte., k., 6/8/17.
Edgeley, Sam, 88874, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Edmonds, James Percy, 47460, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Edwards, Frank, 242524, L/Cpl., d., 2/11/17.
Edwards, Henry, 241776, Pte., k., 31/7/17.

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Elliott, Hugh Stanhope, 240091, Sgt., k., 20/9/17.
Ellis, Frederick, 27184, Cpl., d., 21/10/18.
Ellison, William, 88877, Pte., d., 23/3/18.
Emberson, William Henry, 88055, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 202679, N. Staffordshire Regiment.
Emery, Thomas, 202281, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Emmett, Fred, 242718, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Entwistle, James, 90388, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Escolme, Harold, 242593, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Evans, Edmund, 90378, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Evans, Hugh, 241995, L/Cpl., d., 1/4/18.
Evans, John Henry, 306190, Sgt., d.h., 20/10/18.
Evans, Thomas, 88050, L/Sgt., d., 10/9/18, formerly 0/1400, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
Fairclough, Robert, 50751, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Fairhurst, Jack Dixon, 241177, L/Cpl., d., 19/9/17.
Farmerey, George Edward, 53467, Pte., k., 18/12/17.
Faulkner, Harry, 50278, Pte., d., 6/9/18, formerly 49887, Manchester Regiment.
Faulkner, John, 101291, Pte., d., 25/6/18.
Felton, Harold, 90721, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Fenney, Michael, 307113, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Findlay, David Webster, 242577, L/Cpl., d., 17/10/17.
Firth, Noel Harvey, 51433, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Fisher, Ernest, 23001, Cpl., d., 9/9/18.
Fletcher, James, 242720, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Fletcher, Robert, 88209, Pte., d., 17/5/18, formerly 7096, South Lancashire Regiment.
Flood, Thomas, 48963, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 27783, East Lancashire Regiment.
Flynn, William, 50995, Sgt., d., 27/11/17.
Foley, Timothy, 242383, L/Cpl., d., 21/6/18.
Ford, Samuel Thomas, 88530, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 202192, East Surrey Regiment.
Fosbrook, Fred, 49937, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 36976, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Foster, Eric Crockett, 242136, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Foster, John, 243798, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Foy, John Henry, 50750, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Frazer, Frederick James, 241219, Pte., k., 7/1/18.
Freeman, William, 240892, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Frost, James Stanley, 332492, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Frost, Walter, 51136, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Fry, Frederick William, 88164, Pte., d., 18/12/17.
Fullalove, Thomas Patrick, 87240, Pte., d., 6/9/18.
Fuller, John Benjamin, 240100, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Furlong, Francis, 242850, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Gadsden, Geoffrey Charles, 241357, Pte., d., 4/12/17.
Gale, Frank, 88886, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Gamble, Charles Edward, 99507, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Gammons, Frank Alexander, 202580, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Gardner, Albert Henry, 300352, Pte., k., 27/6/18, formerly 250018, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Gateland, Charles Robert, 105499, Pte., k., 26/9/18.
Geraghty, Thomas, 50583, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Gibbons, Joseph, 94915, Pte., k., 20/9/18.
Gilbertson, Richard, 241425, Pte., d., 11/10/18.
Gilliver, Jack, 99509, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Glossop, Frederick, 300006, Pte., k., 8/9/17, formerly 202056, York & Lancaster Regiment.
Goddard, Alfred, 95038, Sgt., d.h., 8/10/18, formerly 25222, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Golds, Frederick, 26342, Pte., k., 17/6/18.
Gooderham, James Thomas, 381446, Sgt., k., 9/4/18, formerly 3207, Suffolk Regiment.
Goodwin, Archibald, 99508, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Gore, William, 51381, L/Cpl., k., 5/5/18.
Greaves, Harold Dale, 242851, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Green, Charles Henry, 50003, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 36565, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Green, William, 101297, Pte., d., 5/9/18.
Grice, Robert, 260018, Cpl., d., 7/9/18, formerly 290250, North Lancashire Regiment.
Griffith, William Bryan, 101292, Pte., k., 26/9/18.
Griffiths, Evan, 240909, L/Cpl., d., 13/8/17.
Griffiths, George, 241238, Cpl., k., 8/7/17.
Griffiths, Herbert Stanley, 86844, Pte., d., 22/6/18.
Griffiths, Morris, 381387, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Griffiths, Thomas Arthur, 241585, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Grimshaw, Edwin, 88888, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Grindell, Ivan, 90515, Pte., d., 30/10/18.
Hadwin, John Nicholls, 240386, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Haig, Archibald Malcolm, 51830, Pte., d., 11/4/18.
Hales, Alfred, 51233, Pte., d., 21/12/17, formerly 270284, Royal Army Service Corps.
Hampson, William Henry, 88562, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 202627, East Surrey Regiment.
Hancock, John Simon, 241604, Sgt., k., 9/4/18.
Hargreaves, William, 260026, Pte., d., 17/4/18, formerly 290327, North Lancashire Regiment.
Harper, William Reid, 59312, Pte., k., 22/6/18.
Harris, Sidney Charles, 26735, Cpl., d., 15/5/18.
Harrison, John, 201304, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Harrison, Jack, 309023, Pte., d., 29/4/18, formerly 52328, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Harrison, John, 242665, Pte., d., 9/9/18.
Harrison, Stanley, 86463, Pte., k., 14/4/18.
Harrop, John Edward, 88564, Pte., d., 27/1/18.
Hartley, James, 242735, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hartley, Tom, 26979, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Harton, William Arthur, 241353, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hatch, Michael, 201386, Pte., k., 21/10/18.
Haw, Samuel, 87008, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Hawley, Frederick, 57154, Pte., k., 20/8/18.
Haworth, Franklin Wilcox, 241479, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Hayes, James, 36675, Pte., k., 9/5/18.
Haywood, Tom, 88062, Pte., d., 27/12/18, formerly 203394, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Healey, William, 64836, Pte., k., 6/1/18.
Healing, Alfred, 242290, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Heaney, Joseph Robert, 242036, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Hemmingway, Gerald Ernest, 21822, Sgt., d., 26/9/18.
Henshaw, Bryan, 241482, L/Cpl., k., 12/7/17.
Hesketh, Richard Neville, 88834, Cpl., k., 26/9/18.
Hesmondhalgh, Richard, 50766, Pte., k., 29/5/18.
Hewitt, George Balshaw, 91634, Pte., d., 22/10/18.
Hewitt, John, 269422, Pte., d., 27/2/18.
Hewitt, William Henry, 241756, Pte., k., 29/7/17.
Hickey, Patrick, 24125, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Hicks, Harold William, 88496, Pte., k., 28/10/17, formerly 203302, East Surrey Regiment.
Higginson, William John, 242350, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Highfield, Allan, 88475, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 203234, East Surrey Regiment.
Hill, Claude Rundle, 241518, Cpl., k., 28/10/17.
Hill, Thomas, 241423, Cpl., d., 30/11/17, M.M.
Hill, William George, 88217, Pte., k., 12/9/18, formerly 40899, South Lancashire Regiment.
Hillman, Leonard, 41202, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 136964, Royal Field Artillery.
Hinchliffe, Norman, 99533, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Hind, Charles Edward, 360216, Cpl., k., 1/9/18, formerly 201123, East Surrey Regiment.
Hind, George, 51132, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30532, Lincolnshire Regiment.
Hindley, James, 41299, Pte., d., 4/10/18.
Hitchmouth, William, 65076, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Hobson, Norman, 49943, Pte., d., 9/10/17, formerly 36988, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Hodgkins, John, 49941, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 36930, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Hodgson, Willie, 49942, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 37010, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Hoggarth, Thomas, 94923, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Holmes, Harry, 49945, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 37027, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Holt, Albert, 99525, Pte., d., 11/9/18.
Holt, Bernard, 50759, Pte., d., 20/2/18.
Holt, Norman, 94927, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Hopkins, John William, 88479, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 202855, East Surrey Regiment.
Hopkinson, Clarence, 86494, Pte., k., 5/5/18.
Hough, James Henry, 243736, Pte., d., 30/7/18.
Houghton, John Robert, 241231, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Howard, Albert, 94935, Pte., d., 4/9/18.
Howard, Thomas, 41592, Pte., k., 18/12/17.
Howarth, Herman, 94264, Pte., k., 17/9/18, formerly 39498, East Lancashire Regiment.
Howarth, Richard, 243762, Pte., k., 22/7/17.
Howarth, William, 242806, Pte., d., 1/2/18.
Hubbard, John Joseph, 99522, Pte., d., 20/6/18.
Hudson, Fred, 94267, Pte., k., 17/8/18, formerly 39477, East Lancashire Regiment.
Hudson, Frederick George, 88567, Pte., d., 1/11/17, formerly 203233, East Surrey Regiment.
Huggett, Thomas Edward, 260218, Pte., k., 15/6/18, formerly 204197, Surrey Yeomanry.
Hughes, Collin, 202047, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Hughes, George Stanley, 242525, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hughes, Joseph, 241208, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hughes, Robert, 16819, L/Cpl., k., 12/9/18.
Hughes, Thomas, 241827, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hulme, John Samuel, 14296, Cpl., d., 3/9/18.
Hulme, Joseph, 64893, L/Cpl., d., 2/9/18.
Hume, Walter William Kenneth, 240034, Cpl., k., 2/8/17.
Humphries, Ephriam John, 50005, Pte., k., 29/7/17, formerly 35708, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Humphreys, Morris, 240295, C.S.M., d., 4/6/18.
Hunneybell, Clarence Victor, 49948, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 37047, North Staffordshire Regiment.

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Hunter, James, 49268, Pte., d., 12/4/18, formerly 39475, East Lancashire Regiment.
Hyde, Walter, 49737, Pte., k., 20/10/18, fomerly 30340, W. Riding Regiment.
Inkster, Thomas Duncan, 241587, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Jackson, John Brian, 240567, Pte., d., 1/6/18.
Jackson, William Ernest, 240568, Pte., k., 26/7/17.
Jackson, William, 241925, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
James, Robert, 94288, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 17178, East Lancashire Regiment.
Jefferson, William Ernest, 93948, Pte., d., 4/5/18.
Jenkins, John Francis, 240288, Cpl., d., 22/9/17.
Jenks, James, 27828, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Jennings, Harry, 59538, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Jenvey, Archibald, 235538, Pte., k., 21/10/18, formerly 2236, Surrey Yeomanry.
Johnson, Albert, 242008, L/Cpl., k., 4/9/18.
Johnson, Edwin, 94277, Pte., d., 25/6/18, formerly 39340, East Lancashire Regiment.
Johnson, Joseph, 87123, Pte., k., 26/9/18.
Jones, Alfred Edward, 59367, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Jones, Frank Edgar, 240841, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Jones, Frank Hammond, 87952, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Jones, George, 94274, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 17488, East Lancashire Regiment.
Jones, Joseph, 50773, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Jones, Peter, 201915, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Jones, Richard Percival, 90563, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Jones, Samuel, 65024, Pte., d., 27/6/18.
Jones, Thomas, 242506, Pte., k., 29/7/17.
Jones, William, 57980, Sgt., d., 15/9/18, formerly 268, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Jones, William, 242269, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Jones, William Herbert, 241619, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Joyce, Alex Nelson, 21732, Cpl., k., 1/9/18.
Keedwell, George, 24780, Pte., d., 16/5/18.
Kellow, Francis John, 381862, Pte., d., 8/9/18, formerly 3120, London Rifle Brigade.
Kelly, Charles, 88573, Pte., k., 12/9/18, formerly 203969, East Surrey Regiment.
Kendal, John, 242741, Pte., d.h., 26/10/18.
Kennedy, Thomas Mayford, 267839, Cpl., k., 30/6/18.
Kennedy, Valentine, 331995, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Kerr, John Hamilton, 241139, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Kettle, John Herbert Malcolme, 99578, Pte., d., 12/10/18.
Kiggins, Thomas Edward, 242223, Pte., k., 12/7/17.
Kirby, James, 34596, Cpl., k., 28/10/17.
Kitchen, Philip, 88574, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 203582, East Surrey Regiment.
Kniveton, William, 49165, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Lacey, William, 269950, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Laing, William, 338295, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Lanceley, George Alfred Mark, 90585, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Latham, Arthur William, 200176, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Laws, Frederick Arthur, 88485, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 5487, East Surrey Regiment.
Lea, Richard, 405862, Pte., k., 17/9/18.
Leader, John, 39126, Pte., k., 26/5/18.
Lear, Albert E., 88575, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 203961, East Surrey Regiment.
Leary, Walter, 88579, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 204066, East Surrey Regiment.
Leary, Thomas, 242742, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Ledson, Chris, 50667, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Lee, Richard John, 241088, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Lee, William Francis, 242899, Pte., d., 9/12/17.
Leech, William Edward, 242082, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
Lees, Albert Edward, 88576, Pte., k., 19/12/17, formerly 203950, East Surrey Regiment.
Leonard, Edmund, 50777, Pte., k., 28/10/17.
Levey, Joseph, 308776, L/Cpl., d., 12/6/18.
Lewis, Robert, 88489, Pte., k., 29/10/17, formerly 203705, East Surrey Regiment.
Lewis, Thomas, 88578, Pte., k., 21/10/18, formerly 203187, East Surrey Regiment.
Lightfoot, William, 88270, Pte., k., 19/3/18.
Lindsay, Alexander Hugh, 235310, Pte., k., 5/10/18, formerly 242841, Yorkshire Regiment.
Lloyd, William, 241974, Pte., d., 22/9/17.
Loades, Charles Percy, 328011, L/Sgt., d., 7/9/18, formerly 206083, Norfolk Yeomanry.
Locker, Albert, 242086, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Lomas, Charles David, 87120, Pte., d., 7/9/18.
Lulse, James Edward, 240416, Cpl., d., 30/11/17.
Lunt, William Wallace, 204264, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Lynch, Frank, 94293, Pte., k., 5/5/18, formerly 38701, East Lancashire Regiment.
Makin, Arthur, 30780, Pte., k., 18/12/17.
Malkin, Leonard, 99601, Pte., k., 15/5/18.
Malone, Austin, 240658, L/Cpl., k., 9/7/17.
Maltby, Arthur, 99561, Pte., k., 25/9/18.
Manders, Frederick William, 88581, Pte., d., 1/11/17, formerly 4290, East Surrey Regiment.
Marsden, John, 242866, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Marsh, Frederick Henry, 25494, Pte., d.h., 17/4/18, formerly 2972, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Massey, Thomas Edgar, 51425, Pte., k., 15/11/17.
Matthews, Thomas James, 242625, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Maxwell, William Samuel, 241224, Pte., k., 12/7/17.
Mayer, John William, 42473, Pte., d., 22/6/18, formerly 20667, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Mayo, Ernest David, 88494, Pte., d., 3/9/18, formerly 203194, East Surrey Regiment.
McCabe, Fred, 72533, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
McCartney, Robert W., 23104, Pte., k., 26/6/18.
McDonald, William, 331723, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
McDowell, Alexander, 332021, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
McEvoy, Walter Eugene, 58487, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
McGarrey, Terrence, 242117, Pte., d., 1/12/17.
McGinn, James Patrick, 50783, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
McGlone, Edward, 203150, Pte., k., 22/10/18.
McInroy, Edward, 305173, Sgt., k., 26/9/18.
McNamara, Michael John, 42853, Pte., d., 23/9/17.
Melia, John, 267803, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Millard, Robert Arnold, 240410, Cpl., k., 31/7/17, M.M.
Millard, William, 88538, L/Cpl., d., 31/10/17, formerly 4413, East Surrey Regiment.
Mingham, Ernest, 40196, Pte., k., 4/11/17, formerly 29931, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Moffat, Archibald, 300316, Pte., k., 30/8/18, formerly 250264, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Moorhouse, Charles, 330824, Pte., d., 7/4/18.
Morgan, Alfred, 88495, Pte., k., 30/8/18, formerly 5213, Cheshire Regiment.
Morris, George, 241578, Pte., k., 28/7/17.
Morris, George, 242574, Cpl., d., 21/7/17.
Morris, James Hunter, 241194, Pte., k., 15/7/17.
Morton, John Herbert, 99598, Pte., d., 9/5/18.
Mount, Hugh, 201604, Pte., k., 29/9/18, M.M.
Mountford, Frederick George, 243724, Pte., d., 28/6/18.
Mullins, Patrick, 85470, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Myers, Arthur Swales, 32623, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Myerscough, Samuel, 241285, Pte., k., 15/7/17.
Newbon, Fred, 87002, Pte., d., 12/6/18.
Newton, Walter Henry, 241843, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Nicholls, George Frederick, 242797, Pte., d., 10/12/17.
Nixon, Frank, 268493, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4662, Manchester Regiment.
Noble, Frederick, 86185, Pte., d., 7/9/18, formerly 21139, Army Cyclist Corps.
Norriss, George Edward, 51129, Pte., d., 10/12/17, formerly 337, Royal Army Service Corps.
North, George, 99606, Pte., d., 29/10/18.
Norton, John, 49170, Pte., d., 6/4/18, formerly 3972, Cheshire Regiment.
Nunns, Gordon Ewart, 51109, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 60714, R. W. Surrey Regiment.
Oakley, Edwin George, 51396, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
O'Donnell, Charles, 240942, Pte., k., 6/5/18.
Ogilvy, John, 57562, Pte., d., 1/11/18, formerly 894, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Ormerod, Thomas, 242809, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Oxspring, Albert, 99599, Pte., k., 19/10/18, formerly 95289, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Pagan, David, 41839, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Palmer, Herbert, 242869, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Palmer, Herbert Frederick, 241406, Pte., d., 12/8/17.
Parkinson, Fred, 88088, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Parkinson, James, 35960, Cpl., k., 5/5/18.
Parry, Augustus Vivian, 406855, Pte., d., 27/9/18.
Parry, Ernest, 2348, L/Cpl., k., 28/6/18.
Parry, John, 242673, Pte., d., 3/12/17.
Parry, William James, 64908, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Pascoe, Arthur Mitchell, 242109, Pte., d.h., 19/12/18.
Patton, Henry, 242132, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Peach, George Frederick, 241847, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Pearson, James Mark, 241262, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Pearson, Joseph Lancelot, 57821, Pte., k., 23/6/18, formerly 185, Army Cyclist Corps.
Peterson, Charles William, 88096, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Phillips, Leo, 26156, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Pilkington, Edward, 269975, Pte., k., 21/10/18.
Pimlott, Charles Edwin, 50798, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Plumb, Charles, 202226, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Poland, Joseph, 88758, Pte., d., 1/12/17, formerly 5390, R. Lancaster Regiment.
Pollington, Charles R., 22814, Pte., d.h., 28/10/18.
Poole, Charles, 49963, Pte., d., 5/8/18, formerly 35870, North Staffordshire Regiment.

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Potter, Richard, 300550, Pte., k., 17/8/18, formerly 250721, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Pounder, James, 50799, Pte., k., 29/10/17.
Prendergrast, Frederick, 241343, Pte., k., 15/11/17.
Prior, Henry, 25623, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 11565, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Probert, William, 45472, L/Cpl., d., 12/3/18.
Proffitt, James Edward, 49966, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 37004, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Quayle, Robert Arthur, 36884, Pte., d., 9/11/18.
Quinn, John, 242057, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Ralph, Joseph, 242113, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Ramsden, James, 49968, Pte., k., 26/9/18, formerly 37067, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Rankin, Aulbert, 41446, Pte., k., 4/9/18.
Read, Walter Ormerod, 53615, Pte., k., 27/6/18, formerly 25894, Border Regiment.
Reid, Stanley, 88722, Pte., k., 15/11/17.
Reil, Joseph, 203333, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Reynolds, Thomas, 240172, Pte., d., 26/9/18.
Richards, David, 353010, Pte., k., 26/9/18.
Richards, Theo Albert, 242246, Cpl., d., 15/10/18.
Rigby, Alfred George, 240369, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Rigby, William, 109003, Pte., d., 24/10/18.
Ritchie, John Edward, 242765, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Roberts, Bernard, 32714, Pte., d., 12/4/18.
Roberts, Charles, 242542, Sgt., k., 1/5/18.
Roberts, Thomas, 50016, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 37032, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Roberts, William Albert Edward, 240819, Sgt., k., 30/10/17.
Robertson, William Buckley, 17937, L/Sgt., d., 1/10/18.
Robinson, Herbert, 240807, Pte., k., 19/9/17.
Roche, Gerald Walter, 24458, Pte., d., 7/9/17, formerly 30849, Manchester Regiment.
Rogers, John Edward, 90809, Pte., k., 17/6/18.
Rose, William, 88090, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Royden, Alfred, 86590, Pte., d., 18/6/18.
Royle, James, 50608, Pte., d., 13/9/18.
Royle, Norman, 241415, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Ruscoe, Stanley, 56094, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 27497, East Lancashire Regiment.
Rushton, John, 33380, Pte., k., 15/3/18, formerly 15258, Manchester Regiment.
Ryan, John Thomas, 19657, Sgt., k., 17/9/18.
Sadler, Thomas, 260047, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 201585, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Sage, Frederick George, 50966, Pte., d., 17/7/18, formerly T/291867, Royal Army Service Corps.
Salmon, Alexander Frederick, 240188, Sgt., d.h., 6/1/18.
Sammond, Hugh, 22849, Sgt., k., 9/4/18, M.M.
Samuel, James, 267058, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Sandham, John Ben, 16940, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Sandmann, Robert, 260038, Pte., d., 23/9/17, formerly 4634, North Lancashire Regiment.
Sargeant, Norman, 300366, Pte., d., 16/1/18, formerly 250086, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Scott, James, 243824, Pte., d., 28/9/17.
Shallcross, Thomas, 240857, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Shaw, John Alfred, 240179, C.S.M., k., 20/9/17, M.M.
Shepherd, Frank, 203128, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 1712, Manchester Regiment.
Shorrock, John, 28254, Pte., d., 18/12/17.
Simcox, George, 94514, Pte., k., 17/8/18.
Simpson, Charles, 49973, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 37007, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Sinclair, Walter Gabriel, 202142, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Skilbeck, Henry, 202511, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Slocombe, Frank James, 58049, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 169, Army Cyclist Corps.
Smalley, Ezra James, 44505, Cpl., k., 26/9/18, formerly 40468, Welsh Regiment, M.M.
Smedley, Arthur, 242766, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Smith, Arthur, 10156, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Smith, Arthur, 50806, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Smith, Harold Horatio, 241292, Pte., d., 5/11/18.
Smith, John Robert, 88148, Pte., d., 12/1/18.
Smith, John, 243813, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Smith, Robert, 50809, L/Cpl., k., 30/8/18, M.M.
Smith, Robert, 242693, Pte., k., 9/7/17.
Smith, Sydney Mark, 235116, Pte., k., 12/9/18, formerly 303255, East Kent Regiment.
Southern, Edward, 38590, Pte., d.h., 26/11/18.
Speedie, Andrew, 38869, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Spilsbury, Robert, 332761, Pte., k., 22/5/18, formerly 27518, Manchester Regiment.
Spurling, Thomas Arthur, 235079, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 19849, Suffolk Regiment.
Stafford, Lawrence, 242677, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Stain, Samuel, 87867, L/Cpl., d., 8/9/17, formerly 203657, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Starkey, Fred, 242873, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Steen, Arthur, 50807, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Stephenson, Robert, 243835, Pte., k., 12/7/17.
Stockdale, George Henry, 201874, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Stothard, Norman, 53569, Pte., d., 31/8/18, formerly 39282, Manchester Regiment.
Sullivan, Thomas, 307647, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Sutton, Joseph, 241628, L/Cpl., k., 11/4/18, formerly 19017, Cheshire Regiment.
Swaine, John, 242592, Pte., d., 10/8/17.
Swinney, Henry Albert, 57846, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 127, Army Cyclist Corps.
Tattersall, Arthur, 242879, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Taylor, Amos, 48993, Pte., d., 23/3/18, formerly 27346, East Lancashire Regiment.
Taylor, Frederick, 241249, Pte., k., 7/7/17.
Taylor, John, 40816, Pte., k., 21/10/18.
Taylor, John, 243844, Cpl., k., 30/10/17.
Thom, William Neilson, 241099, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Thomas, Clement, 34398, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Thomas, Ewan Fraser, 57576, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 842, Highland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Thomas, George Nicholson, 242097, L/Cpl., k., 7/5/18.
Thompson, James, 47368, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Tilly, John, 240129, L/Sgt., d., 25/6/18, M.M.
Timewell, Albert Horace, 59528, Pte., d., 2/12/17.
Tipping, John, 267424, Pte., k., 17/8/18.
Townley, James, 241455, Cpl., d., 30/9/17.
Twist, Robert, 64850, Pte., k., 21/6/18.
Tyrer, William, 52831, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Ulliott, Fred, 57602, Pte., k., 15/6/18, formerly 502, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Vaughan, John, 26293, Pte., d., 6/10/18.
Waddington, Albert, 241411, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Waiting, Herbert, 72493, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Walker, John, 51401, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Walker, Kenneth, 241852, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Wallace, Alexander, 200122, Sgt., d., 20/3/18.
Walsh, John, 204454, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 7780, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Walton, Herbert, 38770, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Ward, Charles, 86622, Pte., d., 7/9/18.
Wardman, George, 42276, Cpl., k., 12/9/18.
Wathall, Samuel Moss, 50829, Pte., k., 2/6/18.
Watson, John, 85068, Pte., d., 4/6/18, formerly 24966, 17th Lancers.
Webster, Arthur Stanley, 241862, Pte., d., 11/12/17.
Webster, Thomas, 53596, Pte., k., 30/10/17, formerly 25507, Border Regiment.
Wells, Evan Owen, 242537, Cpl., d., 4/9/18.
Welsby, William, 84963, Pte., d., 17/9/18, formerly M/286875, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.).
Welsby, William George, 241382, Pte., d., 1/7/17.
Welsh, Edward, 242883, Pte., d., 24/11/18.
Welton, Richard, 86681, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Wensley, Alan, 16849, Pte., k., 8/6/18.
Whalley, Percy, 241716, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Wharton, Tom, 72514, Pte., k., 21/6/18.
Whipp, Harry, 63883, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Whittaker, Charles, 242770, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Whittick, Alfred Henry, 307102, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Whittingham, Thomas, 242530, Pte., d., 1/11/17.
Wilcock, Charles, 242786, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Wilde, James Henry, 23456, Sgt., k., 2/9/18.
Wilding, John Christian, 265818, Pte., k., 12/9/18.
Wilkes, Arthur, 51134, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 31273, Lincolnshire Regiment.
Williams, Albert, 240309, Pte., d., 13/4/18.
Williams, Henry Smith, 241537, Pte., k., 26/10/17.
Williams, Stephen, 50823, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Williams, William, 325023, Pte., k., 30/10/18, formerly 29118, Essex Regiment.
Williamson, Douglas, 242889, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Williamson, Robert, 72518, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Willnow, Arthur Joseph, 242440, Cpl., d., 23/10/18.
Willis, Arthur James, 105737, Pte., d., 16/9/18, formerly 5194, Manchester Regiment.
Wilson, George, 88276, Pte., k., 17/9/18.
Wilson, John, 243865, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Wilson, John Edward, 240590, Pte., k., 3/5/18.
Wilson, Stanley, 240435, L/Cpl., k., 3/6/18.
Wilson, William, 17739, L/Cpl., d., 16/5/18.
Wood, John Henry, 41557, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 1076, Manchester Regiment.
Woods, Edward, 52039, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Woodward, Daniel Bertie, 42718, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Woodward, James, 51402, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Woodward, Richard James, 241159, C.S.M., d.h., 27/10/18.
Woosey, Harold, 241053, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Wright, Francis Noel, 241969, Pte., k., 18/9/17.

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Wragge, George Albert, 40979, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 36546, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Wright, William, 243791, Pte., d., 29/9/18.
Wright, William Wesley, 240925, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Wyldes, Thomas, 49377, Pte., k., 3/8/17.
Young, John, 204022, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Young, Joseph, 43490, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Yoxall, Joseph, 242785, Pte., k., 29/7/17.

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Ackers, Harold, 267709, Pte., d., 14/2/18.
Ackland, Edwin George, 87698, Cpl., k., 30/8/18, formerly 159076, Royal Engineers.
Acton, Josiah, 269510, Pte., d.h., 5/1/18.
Adlington, Henry, 269697, Cpl., d., 5/9/18.
Alcock, Joseph, 265237, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Allen, Benjamin, 204361, L/Cpl., d., 16/11/18.
Allen, Ernest Albert, 94149, Pte., k., 12/4/18, formerly 39997, S. Lancashire Regiment.
Allen, James Henry, 381197, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 7318, Manchester Regiment.
Allen, Lawrence Harry, 99409, Pte., k., 11/7/18.
Allen, Richard, 51349, Pte., d., 1/10/17, formerly 11326, R.W. Kent Regiment.
Allen, William, 265350, Cpl., k., 27/7/17.
Allman, William Henry, 266856, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/18.
Ames, Bert, 51257, L/Cpl., k., 26/5/18, formerly 7613, Cheshire Regiment.
Anderson, George, 268939, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Anslow, Andrew Leo, 99410, Pte., d., 21/10/18.
Archer, Thomas, 267894, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 38621, Royal Engineers.
Armroyd, Thomas Alfred, 38027, Sgt., d.h., 24/4/18.
Armstrong, Herbert, 269690, Pte., d., 19/5/18.
Atkins, Williams, 94165, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 42205, South Lancaster Regiment.
Atkinson, George, 267925, Pte., d., 19/3/18.
Atkinson, Thomas Charles, 204313, Pte., k., 4/6/18.
Austin, William Henry, 268463, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4560, Manchester Regiment.
Bailey, Joseph, 88767, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Baker, Robert, 53452, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 554930, London Regiment.
Balmer, Richard, 266488, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Banks, Thomas, 268988, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Banks, John William, 307387, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Bannister, John Thomas, 48678, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 51701, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Barry, Patrick Joseph, 84541, Pte., d., 3/10/17.
Barton, Wilfred, 260009, Pte., d.h., 30/10/18, formerly 42746, R.W. Fusiliers.
Baxendale, Clement, 51795, L/Cpl., k., 14/4/18.
Beardwood, Sidney Edward, 265504, L/Cpl., d., 17/9/17.
Beech, John, 99415, Pte., k., 25/4/18.
Beesley, William John, 200190, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Beever, Willie Nelson, 49196, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 27768, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Bennett, William, 267366, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Berry, John, 266928, L/Cpl., k., 3/5/18.
Bethel, Ernest, 86850, Pte., k., 21/6/18.
Billington, Herbert, 268448, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Blachford, Stanley Whiteway, 49864, Pte., k., 22/7/17, formerly 164306, Royal Field Artillery.
Blake, Martin, 267371, Pte., d., 22/9/17.
Bleasdale, William, 266577, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Blundell, William, 267761, Pte., k., 10/1/18.
Blyth, Ernest, 269543, Pte., d., 15/8/17.
Bond, Ralph Riddell, 265838, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Booth, Peter, 51342, Pte., d., 18/3/18, formerly 301765, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Botham, Charles, 300581, Pte., d.h., 12/6/18, formerly 250687, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Bourne, Frederick Thomas, 268918, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Boyce, John Andrew, 265027, Sgt., k., 20/9/17.
Boydell, Joseph, 94205, Pte., d., 27/9/18, formerly 66888, Cheshire Regiment.
Boylan, James, 202394, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Braddock, Herbert, 268430, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4410, Manchester Regiment.
Bradley, Ernest, 49874, Pte., d., 31/7/17, formerly 223905, Royal Army Service Corps.
Braithwaite, James, 265854, Pte., d., 29/7/17.
Brennan, Edward, 265255, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Brennand, Frederick Ellison, 202546, Pte., k., 31/10/17.
Bridge, Charles, 201430, Pte., d., 30/9/18.
Broadfoot, William, 268924, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Brown, Andrew, 267097, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Brown, Thomas, 269473, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Buckley, John, 99432, Pte., d., 7/5/18, formerly 90875, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Bull, Edward Arthur, 57875, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 630, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Burgess, John Charles, 266662, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Busby, Edgar, 88605, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 203139, East Surrey Regiment.
Butcher, James Daniel, 99443, Pte., k., 3/9/18
Butler, Alfred, 266204, Cpl., d., 10/4/18.
Butler, Charles, 112690, Pte., d.h., 14/9/18.
Butters, Arthur, 266934, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Barton, Henry, 265952, Pte., k., 9/7/18.
Calderbank, Herbert, 266068, L/Cpl., k., 29/8/18.
Calvert, Cecil, 99465, Pte., k., 11/6/18, formerly 45195, Leicester Regiment.
Camm, Edward, 202167, L/Cpl., k., 30/9/18.
Cardy, Charles William, 199451, Pte., d., 12/6/18.
Carter, Edward Wilson Parr, 265739, L/Cpl., k., 1/8/17.
Cartlidge, Alfred, 369746, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Castleton, Ernest, 99459, Pte., k., 20/9/18.
Caves, Fred, 267415, Cpl., k., 11/9/18, M.M.
Chadwick, William, 99462, Pte., d., 20/6/18.
Charles, Edwin, 88946, Pte., k., 27/6/18.
Cheshire, John, 112815, Pte., d.h., 9/11/18.
Clarke, Charles, 266752, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Clarke, William Cyril, 267891, Pte., k., 20/9/17, M.M.
Clayton, Thomas John, 301326, Pte., d., 4/9/18.
Clegg, William, 91881, Pte., d., 6/10/18.
Coates, Thomas, 95084, L/Cpl., k., 29/9/18, formerly 29667, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Cocker, John Edward, 269330, Pte., d., 22/4/18.
Cohen, Gabriel, 269475, Pte., k., 26/7/17.
Coles, Stanley, 85857, Pte., k., 29/8/18, formerly 1571, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
Coletto, John, 202389, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Connerton, Henry, 88231, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 265688, South Lancashire Regiment.
Cook, Thomas, 266529, Pte., d., 12/4/18.
Cooper, James, 235600, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 280975, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Cope, James Henry, 88691, Pte., d., 22/11/18, formerly 263695, East Surrey Regiment.
Costa, Dominic, 266029, Pte., k., 14/4/18, M.M.
Cottier, Edward, 17181, L/Cpl., k., 9/1/18.
Court, John Thomas, 268523, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 3859, Manchester Regiment.
Cox, Harold, 266334, C.S.M., k., 11/4/18, M.M.
Cox, John William, 40994, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 36536, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Craig, David, 267064, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Craig, John, 305320, Pte., d., 28/9/18.
Cross, Francis Edward, 267956, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Cruikshank, James, 269347, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Cummings, Abraham, 24931, Pte., d., 3/9/18.
Curran, Robert, 305765, Pte., d., 14/4/18.
Currie, Richard, 265018, C.S.M., d., 20/9/17.
Cuthbertson, William, 57782, Pte., k., 23/11/17, formerly 515, Army Cyclist Corps.
Davies, Andrew, 269678, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Davies, Gilbert George, 268060, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Davies, Henry, 265432, C.Q.M.S., k., 1/7/17.
Davies, Hugh, 380957, Pte., k., 7/11/17.
Davies, Richard, 52078, Pte., d., 1/11/17, formerly 4640, Manchester Regiment.
Davies, Samuel, 269519, Pte., k., 10/11/17.
Davies, William, 268550, Pte., d., 14/4/18, formerly 3927, Manchester Regiment.
Davies, Albert John, 51336, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 70709, Durham Light Infantry.
Dawe, James, 204351, Pte., d., 7/8/17.
Dawson, Reginald James, 268560, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
Dickinson, Richard, 265481, Pte., d., 24/9/17.
Dickson, Fred, 90183, Pte., d.h., 9/6/18.
Dieterick, Ferdinand, 57104, Pte., k., 28/6/18, formerly 2481, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Dixon, John Arthur, 265646, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Dixon, Joshua, 269266, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Dootson, Walter, 269630, Pte., d., 26/11/18.
Dorman, Joseph Claughan, 51335, Pte., k., 12/4/18, formerly 40419, Durham Light Infantry.
Dove, John William, 99480, Pte., d., 2/5/18.
Downey, Charles, 30085, Pte., k., 27/9/18.

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Downs, Willie, 49867, Pte., k., 13/11/17.
Duerden, Edward Francis, 241284, L/Cpl., d., 1/10/18, M.M.
Duffy, Philip, 26171, Pte., k., 9/11/17.
Dunn, James, 267362, Pte., k., 7/3/18.
Eadsforth, Thomas, 308498, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 5308, Manchester Regiment.
Eastwood, Frank, 268451, Pte., k., 18/3/18, formerly 4516, Manchester Regiment.
Eckersley, Thomas, 99491, Pte., d., 17/10/18.
Edgar, Ernest, 265706, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Edwards, Francis, 58498, Pte., d., 29/9/18, formerly 29721, Manchester Regiment.
Elliott, John James Edward, 204314, Pte., k., 6/8/17.
Elliott, William Arthur, 267248, Pte., d., 13/11/17.
Ellis, Joseph Henry, 268408, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4210, Manchester Regiment.
Ellison, Atkinson Willie, 99400, Pte., d., 5/8/18.
Ellison, William, 306846, Pte., k., 15/4/18.
Emmerson, Leonard, 267220, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Evans, Albert, 269490, Pte., d., 17/7/17.
Evans, David, 266484, Pte., d., 29/9/17.
Evans, Edward, 99488, Pte., k., 8/9/18.
Evans, Walter, 308863, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Evenson, Berthal, 267438, Pte., d., 25/10/17.
Falconer, John, 266179, L/Cpl., d., 6/11/17.
Farr, James William, 384419, Pte., k., 30/10/17.
Feeney, John, 269247, Pte., k., 19/3/18.
Fish, George William, 57125, Pte., k., 4/8/18, formerly 251069, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Flather, James, 51066, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 29253, W. Riding Regiment.
Fleetman, George, 268052, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Flynn, John, 268452, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Foddy, Clement John, 265279, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Forshaw, John, 88971, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Fox, Arthur Hezekiah, 99498, Pte., d., 9/5/18, formerly 89492, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Franklin, James, 35993, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Franks, John, 305021, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Franks, John Samuel, 267118, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Fraser, Richard Donald, 112895, Pte., d.h., 24/9/18.
Frost, Charles Henry, 57091, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 251198, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Furlong, James, 15999, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Gandy, William Hayes Vincent, 266025, Cpl., k., 20/9/17, D.C.M.
Garbett, John, 95477, Pte., d., 3/5/18, formerly 291651, Welsh Regiment.
Gardner, James, 94170, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 204266, South Lancashire Regiment.
Garner, Harry, 268554, Pte. k., 20/9/17, formerly 4313, Manchester Regiment.
Gaskell, John, 270260, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Gibbs, Alfred Owen, 267410, Cpl., d., 17/7/17.
Gill, John William, 265240, Cpl., k., 31/7/17, D.C.M.
Glover, Frederick, 300477, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 250176, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Glynn, Robert, 268038, Pte., k., 30/9/17.
Gough, Joseph, 266126, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Gow, Daniel, 265897, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Graham, James, 58483, L/Cpl., k., 1/6/18.
Gray, William, 265130, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Greaves, Erlam, 265482, Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Green, George Daniel, 267625, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Green, John Francis, 305815, L/Cpl., k., 29/9/18.
Greggar, John Thomas, 47744, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Gregory, George, 268048, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Gregson, Thomas, 269307, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Greig, John, 57429, Sgt., d.h., 5/9/18, formerly 15369, Army Cyclist Corps.
Griffiths, Albert, 330164, C.S.M., k., 29/9/18.
Griffiths, George Theodore, 265317, Pte., k., 11/10/18.
Groome, Herbert James, 268249, Pte., k., 7/9/18.
Gustafson, Owen, 95412, Pte., k., 15/9/18, formerly 291871, Welsh Regiment.
Guy, Joseph, 269051, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Halliday, Russell, 267901, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Halsall, Robert, 266259, Sgt., d., 13/5/18.
Hamilton, George William, 88789, Pte., d., 10/4/18.
Hammond, John, 200965, Pte., d., At Sea, 21/4/18.
Harding, James, 260285, Pte., k., 30/8/18, formerly 375853, Manchester Regiment.
Hardstaff, Charles, 269018, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Harris, Charles, 267903, Pte., k., 17/9/17.
Harrison, Wilfred, 308311, Pte., d., 9/10/18, formerly 4445, Manchester Regiment.
Hart, Alexander, 322461, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Harwood, Harry, 202022, Sgt., d., 30/10/18.
Haslam, Gordon, 267827, Pte., k., 20/7/17.
Hayter, Thomas, 267559, Pte., d., 22/7/17.
Healy, Thomas, 266463, Pte., d., 13/7/17.
Henderson, Harold, 265999, Cpl., d., 24/1/18.
Hesketh, John, 268944, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Heyes, Leonard, 265626, Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Heywood, Geofirey Price, 265690, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Hibbert, Carlyle, 266243, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Hicklin, Harold, 266513, L/Cpl., k., 25/5/18.
Higgins, William, 265168, Pte., d.h., 15/10/18, M.M.
Hill, John William, 48726, Pte., d., 24/12/17, formerly 49971, Notts and Derby. Regiment.
Hilton, George Frederick, 87166, Pte., k., 3/7/18.
Hilton, James, 268455, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4530, Manchester Regiment.
Hirst, Thomas Temple, 51068, Pte., d., 11/4/18, formerly 29359, W. Riding Regiment.
Hobbs, Arthur, 269013, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Holcroft, Robert, 265811, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Holden, Walter, 88812, Pte., k., 30/11/18.
Holland, William, 268507, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4729, Manchester Regiment.
Hoos, Ronald, 59162, Pte., k., 31/10/17.
Hosker, James, 265696, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Howard, Alfred, 88787, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Howard, Charles, 267006, Pte., d., 29/9/17.
Howard, James, 265632, Cpl., k., 1/8/17.
Howard, Norman, 332783, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17, M.M.
Humphris, Walter Percy, 265716, Pte., d., 9/8/17.
Hunter, John, 204148, Pte., k., 15/9/17.
Hurp, Henry, 380078, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 3291, Manchester Regiment.
Huskey, James, 48723, Pte., k., 30/9/18, formerly 47407, Notts. and Derby. Regiment.
Huyton, Walter, 57883, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 16726, Army Cyclist Corps.
Iddon, James, 267588, Pte., k., 16/7/17.
Ingham, Walter, 266836, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Jackson, Aubrey George, 51325, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 35963, Notts. and Derby. Regiment.
Jackson, Ernest, 266002, L/Cpl., d., 11/7/18.
Jackson, Henry, 267326, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Jackson, Henry, 269166, Pte., k., 30/7/17.
Jackson, James Ralph, 265842, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Jackson, Richard Knowles, 112953, Pte., d.h., 6/11/18.
Japson, Hubert Ashton, 21123, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Johnson, Herbert, 94164, Pte., d., 2/8/18, formerly 203678, S. Lancashire Regiment.
Johnson, William Turton, 35739, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Johnson, William, 265962, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18, M.M.
Jones, Alfred, 331392, Pte., d., 25/9/17.
Jones, Alfred Benjamin Cockerill, 95431, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 73314, Welch Regiment.
Jones, Charles, 87114, Pte., d., 31/10/18.
Jones, Charles George, 267015, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Jones, John, 269603, Pte., d., 27/9/18.
Jones, John, 306737, Pte., k., 30/8/18.
Jones, John William, 25836, Pte., d., 1/9/18.
Jones, Robert Henry, 241937, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Jones, Tudor Oliver, 300041, Pte., d.h., 13/5/18, formerly 1853, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Judson, George Robert, 267748, Pte., k., 20/7/17.
Kay, Albert, 49849, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly T/2/12583, Royal Army Service Corps.
Kay, John, 204063, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Keir, Allan, 306514, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Kellie, James, 266475, L/Cpl., d., 3/11/17.
Kelly, James, 265302, Pte., d., 13/4/18.
Kelly, Harry, 267520, Pte., d., 7/2/18.
Kemp, Harold, 266718, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Kendall, Leslie, 266800, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Kennedy, William Donald, 269727, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Ker, Robert Leigh, 242485, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Kewin, Robert, 267565, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Kewley, John Henry, 267863, Pte., d., 20/5/18.
Kiggins, James R., 307957, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Kinley, Joseph, 266194, Pte., d., 13/5/18.
Kirwin, Thomas, 267087, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Kneale, William Alfred, 267572, Pte., d., 2/11/17.
Knowles, Thomas, 39055, Pte., k., 6/8/17.
Knott, Cecil, 51323, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 70670, Durham Light Infantry.
Lambie, Ralph Alexander, 95802, Pte., d., 16/6/18.
Lancaster, Harold A., 300308, Pte., d., 2/9/18, formerly 250418, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Lancaster, Joseph, 23534, Pte., k., 20/10/18.
Lane, Thomas, 49852, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Lane, William, 204402, L/Cpl., d., 2/9/18.
Latham, Albert Edward, 266245, L/Cpl., d., 2/7/17.
Lawrenson, George, 90322, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Lawson, Robert, 265429, Pte., k., 9/4/18.

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Laycock, James, 269275, Pte., k., 2/7/17.
Lea, Ernest Vincent, 267281, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Leatherbarrow, Joseph, 265203, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Le Bretton, Thomas John, 265170, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Lee, William, 267759, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Lewis, Eric S., 88816, Pte., d., 19/5/18.
Lewis, John, 91269, Pte., k., 30/8/18, formerly 30818, Royal Army Service Corps.
Leyland, William, 64616, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 197582, Royal Army Service Corps.
Littlefair, Thomas, 266053, Pte., k., 31/10/17.
Lloyd, Henry, 265677, L/Cpl., d.h., 19/8/17.
Lloyd, Hugh, 265985, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lord, John William, 268528, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Lowe, James, 266148, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Lowe, William, 267270, Sgt., d., 3/7/18.
Lowey, Geoffrey Sutherland, 85222, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Luft, Charles Henry, 94949, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Lyon, John, 265870, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Lythgoe, Thomas, 265575, L/Cpl., k., 23/7/17.
Macdonald, Arthur, 308336, Pte., d., 1/8/17, formerly 4514, Manchester Regiment.
Makin, Arthur, 52348, Cpl., k., 30/9/18.
Makinson, Harry, 265794, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Maloney, Albert, 50611, Pte., d., 4/9/18, formerly 34495, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Marsh, Alfred, 31562, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Martin, Joseph, 267117, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Massey, James Arthur, 235437, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 7445, S. Lancashire Regiment.
Matthews, Harold, 266862, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Matthews, Thomas, 48504, Pte., k., 15/9/18, formerly 3681, Manchester Regiment.
Mawdsley, Peter, 265508, Sgt., k., 24/7/17.
Mawdsley, Richard, 205229, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Maxwell, George, 267114, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Mayor, Thomas, 113029, Pte., d.h., 4/11/18.
McCann, Eric, 269479, Pte., d., 26/8/17.
McCourd, Robert, 267812, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
McFarlane, Peter, 307952, Pte., k., 24/2/18.
McGarry, Joseph, 203013, Pte., d., 23/3/18.
McKay, Herbert Thomas, 269747, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McLaughlin, James, 203376, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
McLaughlin, William Edward, 267465, Pte., d.h., 1/8/17.
Meehan, James, 94449, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 352991, Manchester Regiment.
Meek, Timothy, 308035, Pte., d., 20/5/18, formerly 3899, Manchester Regiment.
Meggs, James Robert, 267268, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Midgley, Walter Raymond, 269565, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Milburn, Joseph, 308467, Pte., d., 18/10/17, formerly 5071, Manchestar Regiment.
Millard, Thomas Alexander, 88441, Pte., d., 15/4/18 formerly 203243, East Surrey Regiment.
Mills, Stephen, 267354, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Millward, John William, 50928, Pte., d., 2/10/18.
Milner, James Morris, 266338, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Monoghan, John, 266985, Pte., k., 24/2/18.
Monteith, James, 204337, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Moore, Christopher, 268971, Pte., d., 19/4/18.
Moore, John, 94956, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Moore, Robert, 266923, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Morland, Robin, 52005, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Morris, John Albert, 88646, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 203562, East Surrey Regiment.
Morrison, Robert, 266703, Pte., k., 16/7/17.
Morrow, William Henry, 265552, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Moss, George, 52677, A/Cpl., d., 30/10/18, formerly 4210, Manchester Regiment.
Moss, John, 49855, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly M/268969, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.).
Mounsey, William, 25259, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Mulhearn, William, 266828, Pte., k., 9/4/18, M.M.
Murray, Stanley Arthur, 95440, Pte., k., 29/8/18, formerly 73325, Welsh Regiment.
Mushrow, Albert, 266747, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Mutch, Benjamin, 265043, Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Nicholson, William, 265389, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Norris, Henry, 88805, Pte., d., 30/6/18.
Nuttall, John Robert, 57103, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 2498, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Oakley, Thomas Frederick, 86582, Pte., d., 30/5/18.
O'Brien, Edward John, 266239, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Oddie, Albert, 94618, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 44845, South Lancashire Regiment.
Oddie, Leo, 269434, Pte., d., 5/6/18.
O'Keefe, Denis, 269409, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Orme, John, 266966, L/Cpl., k., 28/4/18.
Ormerod, Frank, 265513, Sgt., k., 24/9/17.
Overend, John, 202742, Pte., d., 11/6/18.
Owen, Archie, 88790, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Parker, Henry S., 88463, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 5256, Cheshire Regiment.
Parkes, Victor, 242049, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Parkinson, Henry, 84849, Pte., d., 28/9/18.
Parry, Evan, 267404, Pte., d., 3/7/18.
Pawson, Alfred, 267553, Pte., k., 6/10/18.
Pearce, John, 43482, Pte., k., 21/9/17.
Pearce, John, 266092, Pte., d., 22/7/17.
Pearson, Frank, 88373, Pte., d., 3/9/18, formerly 5228, Cheshire Regiment.
Perry, James, 266428, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Perry, Ernest, 265768, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Phœnix, William, 269416, Pte., k., 6/9/17.
Phythian, Charles Johnson, 266101, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Platt, David, 37138, Pte., k., 6/8/17.
Pleace, Ernest, 88467, Pte., k., 24/12/17, formerly 9775, Hertfordshire Regiment.
Poulton, Joseph, 308132, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Power, Lawrence, 268951, Pte., k., 30/7/17.
Prescott, James, 267777, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Prescott, William, 267141, Pte., k., 8/11/17.
Price, William, 88564, Pte., d., 4/6/18, formerly 33549, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Pryar, Albert, 266091, Sgt., d., 21/5/18.
Puddicombe, John Frederick, 241612, L/Cpl., d.h., 10/4/18.
Pugh, James, 92005, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Pye, Thomas, 266937, Pte., k., 2/9/18.
Pye, Thomas, 331190, Pte., k., 15/7/17.
Quayle, Stanley, 267654, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Quine, William Martin, 267571, Cpl., d., 28/9/18, M.M.
Radley, Alfred, 242285, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Rae, William, 242340, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Ramage, William, 99738, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 441385, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Redding, John Edward, 267617, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Redmond, John, 201568, L/Sgt., d.h., 10/11/18.
Reed, Gilbert, 86843, Pte., d., 5/9/18.
Rees, John, 266729, Pte., k., 16/7/17.
Rees, Stanley Joseph Lloyd, 266790, Pte., k., 3/7/17.
Reiners, Edgar Norman, 50852, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Rhodes, John William, 268411, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4228, Manchester Regiment.
Richards, Henry Lloyd, 266716, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Richards, George Stanley, 94160, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 43853, South Lancashire Regiment.
Richardson, Robert Arthur, 57092, Pte., d., 21/5/18, formerly 2534, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Rickerby, Arthur, 266012, Pte., k., 2/9/18.
Ridyard, George, 268966, Pte., k., 20/9/17, M.M.
Rigby, Thomas, 265796, L/Cpl., k., 16/7/17.
Riley, Ernest William, 269541, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Riley, James, 49363, Pte., d., 11/11/17.
Rimmer, Richard Ball, 265080, Pte., k., 29/7/17.
Rimer, Thomas, 265749, Pte., d., 29/4/18.
Roberts, William Charles, 88656, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 203836, East Surrey Regiment.
Robertshaw, John, 267385, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Robinson, James William, 260453, Pte., k., 29/8/18.
Robinson, James William, 57089, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 2506, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Robinson, Percy, 49883, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 25812, Yorkshire Regiment.
Robinson, William, 265765, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Robson, Robert, 267907, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Rogers, Josiah, 266812, Pte., d., 7/8/17.
Rooney, Patrick, 267324, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Roper, George, 26874, Pte., d., 22/9/17, formerly 4583, Manchester Regiment.
Rose, Walter, 99734, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 42115, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Roser, Alfred, 99735, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 41153, Royal Fusiliers.
Rothwell, Richard, 88906, Pte., k., 5/3/18.
Rowe, Samuel, 306609, Sgt., d., 1/7/17.
Royle, John, 267908, Pte., d.h., 27/11/17, formerly 54234, Manchester Regiment.
Rudd, John William, 307989, Pte., d., 14/10/18.
Ryan, Frank, 307023, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Sample, Charles, 268518, Pte., d., 20/9/17, formerly 4798, Manchester Regiment.
Sankey, John, 90609, Pte., d.h., 14/12/17.
Sawyer, Henry, 266049, Pte., d., 18/6/18.
Scargill, Clifford, 265905, Sgt., k., 27/9/18, M.M.
Schofield, George James, 266252, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Scott, Thomas, 51314, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 24306, Northumberland Fusiliers.
Scott, William John, 266551, Pte., d., 24/7/17.
Shaw, Robert Leslie, 266715, Sgt., k., 27/9/18.
Shaw, William F., 266438, Pte., d., 21/7/17.

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Shearing, William John, 49844, Pte., k., 29/7/17, formerly 230177, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.).
Sheldon, Edward, 267831, Pte., d., 12/8/17.
Shephard, Anselm, 266600, L/Cpl., d., 10/6/19.
Shepherd, Allan, 265065, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Shepherd, James, 88916, Pte., d., 13/2/18.
Shields, Peter, 267807, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Simons, Edward, 268461, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Simpson, Harry Cabe, 267922, Sgt., d., 3/8/17.
Slack, Edwin Ford, 267909, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Smallwood, Ernest, 267464, C.Q.M.S., d., 3/11/17.
Smith, Henry, 308251, Pte., d., 9/5/18.
Smith, Richard, 266028, A/Sgt., d., 16/7/17.
Smith, Walter Victor, 99763, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Smithson, Walter, 265497, C.S.M., k., 20/9/17, M.M.
Snape, Joseph, 88588, Pte., d., 6/9/18, formerly 33423, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Spencer, Harry Stanley, 91237, Pte., k., 11/5/18, formerly 33469, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Sproat, William, 266454, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Stanford, Percy Edwin, 51366, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 19068, Royal Fusiliers.
Stanley, John William, 269610, Pte., k., 6/2/18.
Staziker, Richard, 267605, Pte., k., 12/7/17.
Steadman, Arthur Ben, 30930, L/Cpl., k., 2/5/18.
Stevens, John Henry, 268413, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Stockley, Clarence, 266849, Pte., k., 28/10/17.
Stockton, Charles Albert, 265731, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Strain, Robert George, 84945, Cpl., k., 27/9/18, formerly M/286463, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.), M.M.
Sudell, Richard, 308295, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 3223, Manchester Regiment.
Sumbland, Wilfred, 268990, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Swaine, George Edric, 26920, Pte., d., 14/4/18, formerly 29128, Yorkshire Regiment.
Swift, Thomas James, 266354, L/Cpl., d., 11/4/18.
Tallon, Thomas, 204332, Pte., d., 27/7/17.
Tasker, William, 265544, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Taylor, Albert, 52388, Pte., k., 6/8/17.
Taylor, Herbert, 51079, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18, formerly 18265, West Riding Regiment.
Taylor, John Edward, 267312, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Taylor, Sidney, 266076, Cpl., d., 21/7/17.
Taylor, Walter, 268479, Pte., k., 5/10/18, formerly 4618, Manchester Regiment.
Theobald, Herbert, 266300, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Thomas, Harry, 266103, Pte., k., 22/7/17.
Thompson, Edward, 267122, Cpl., k., 4/8/18.
Todd, Percy, 266251, Pte., d., 30/9/18.
Tomlinson, James, 14196, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Toop, Frederick William, 269321, Pte., d., 11/4/18.
Tranton, William, 265878, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Tweedle, Thomas William, 266669, Pte., d.h., 21/10/18, M.M.
Twist, Robert Henry, 267315, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Underhill, John, 405732, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Vause, Bertram, 51089, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17, formerly 27721, Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment.
Vickery, Herbert, 88394, Pte., d., 28/6/18, formerly 203594, East Surrey Regiment.
Wagner, William, 266710, Pte., d., 9/4/18, M.M.
Wakerley, Harold Vincent, 58052, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 16395, Army Cyclist Corps.
Walling, Lawrence, 57124, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 251139, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Walsh, Richard, 305514, Pte., d.h., 14/12/17.
Walsh, Samuel, 269326, Pte., k., 15/3/18.
Walton, Alfred Ernest, 51311, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 40344, Durham Light Infantry.
Walton, David, 303006, Pte., k., 13/11/17.
Warde, William, 51329, Pte., d., 19/2/18, formerly 40423, Durham Light Infantry.
Wareing, John Brookfield, 266931, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Watts, William Arthur, 88941, Pte., k., 11/4/18
Waugh, Benjamin, 269151, Pte., d., 2/7/17.
Waydock, Thomas, 266675, Pte., d., 8/8/17.
Weaver, Ralph, 204365, L/Cpl., k., 6/8/17.
Webster, John William, 49027, Pte., k., 11/1/18, formerly 35107, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Weir, James Alexander, 267727, Pte., k., 25/7/17.
Welch, Samuel, 51564, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Welch, William, 267450, Pte., k., 27/9/18, M.M.
Welsby, John James, 266844, Pte., k., 30/9/17.
Wetherall, George, 267505, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Whitehead, Herbert John, 88896, Pte., k., 9/8/18.
Whittaker, Reginald, 57096, Pte., k., 3/7/18, formerly 2480, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Wicks, William Charles, 267880, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Widdows, George, 305048, L/Cpl., d., 22/3/18, M.M.
Wilcock, Edward Charles, 267043, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Wild, Edward, 267107, Pte., k., 5/12/17.
Wilde, Albert, 267401, Cpl., k., 15/8/17.
Wilkerson, William Edward, 235085, Pte., k., 3/5/18, formerly 19778, Suffolk Regiment.
Wilkins, Alexander George, 201652, Pte., d., 28/10/17.
Williams, Edward, 330912, Pte., k., 28/6/18.
Williams, James, 265439, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Williams, John Ernest, 266386, Pte., d., 16/4/18.
Williamson, Albert Victor, 267206, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Williamson, John, 88934, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Williamson, William, 266774, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Willis, Alfred, 49801, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly T/4/237427, Royal Army Service Corps.
Wilmore, James Henry, 202822, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Wilson, Frederick, 201370, Pte., d.h., 16/1/18.
Winchester, Austin, 84966, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Winstanley, George Henry, 266205, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Woodland, Thomas, 305088, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Wooler, John, 49322, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Wooley, William, 268421, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4527, Manchester Regiment.
Woodruff, George, 94155, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 22101, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Woodward, Charles, 308262, Pte., k., 11/7/18.
Wright, Gilbert, 51090, Pte., k., 12/4/18, formerly 28779, York and Lancs. Regiment.
Wright, Thomas, 265353, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Wright, William James, 265246, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Wurr, Horace Sidney, 91329, Pte., d.h., 30/9/18.
Wyatt, Thomas, 95447, Pte., k., 3/9/18.

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Adams, John Henry, 53439, Pte., k., 9/9/18.
Allen, James, 306099, Pte., k., 21/5/18.
Allmark, Henry Cecil, 90994, Pte., k., 30/8/18.
Anderson, John William, 242518, Pte., d., 16/9/17.
Armer, William, 90993, Pte., k., 13/9/18.
Arrowsmith, Joseph Ignatius, 406039, Pte., k., 22/12/17.
Aspinall, James, 90980, L/Cpl., k., 30/8/18.
Aspinall, William Edward, 307827, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Atkinson, Alfred, 305284, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Baker, William John, 203341, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Ballantine, Campbell, 18798, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Balls, Harold Percy, 325028, Pte , k., 21/11/17.
Bamforth, Herbert Edward, 91000, Pte., d., 11/9/18.
Banks, Jonathan, 203311, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Barnett, Ernest, 306955, Pte., d., 3/7/17.
Barnett, Robert James, 90997, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Barrett, Daniel, 33258, Pte., k., 28/9/18, formerly 36511, S. Lancashire Regiment.
Barrett, George, 51277, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly 24731, Devonshire Regiment.
Barrett, John William, 203335, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Beesley, James, 36967 Pte., d., 9/9/18.
Beevers, Arthur, 308515, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Bell, David Henry, 242185, Pte., d., 7/6/18.
Bennett, John, 307492, Cpl., k., 24/12/17.
Besley, Edward Torrence, 41162, Pte., k., 25/6/18, formerly 137055, Royal Field Artillery.
Binder, William, 406019, Pte., d., 1/6/18.
Birbeck, Thomas, 49896, Pte., d., 1/8/17, formerly 77772, Yorkshire Regiment.
Birch, Arthur Thomas, 406042, Pte., d., 14/9/18.
Birch, John, 305636, Cpl., k., 11/9/18.
Blackburn, Moses, 28989, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 9997, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Blackwood, James, 308266, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Blandford, Cecil Francis, 85918, Cpl., k., 1/9/18, formerly 26991, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
Blockley, Frederick, 308200, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Booth, Robert Salisbury, 308802, Pte., d., 25/12/17.
Bott, James Alfred, 308647, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Bowen, Richard, 243857, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Bowker, James, 306060, Pte., k., 12/1/18.
Bowser, Harry, 325075, L/Cpl., d., 20/11/17, formerly 203615, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Braddock, Fred, 866656, Pte., k., 7/9/18.
Brennan, Thomas Joseph, 305152, Pte., k., 19/7/17.
Brewer, Frederick Knott, 39440, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Brewer, Samuel Gregory, 306556, Pte., d., 27/10/17.

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Bridger, Frederick, 105511, Pte., k., 30/9/18, formerly 26479, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Brindle, William, 308315, Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4456, Manchester Regiment.
Broadbent, James, 308199, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Broddle, Percy, 88307, Pte., k., 2/9/18.
Broderick, Joseph, 308576, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Bromley, Arthur Leslie, 307843, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Brooks, Robert Joshua, 307635, Pte., k., 5/7/17.
Brown, James, 308201, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Brown, John, 306584, Cpl., d., 5/9/17.
Brown, Walter, 267961, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Buckley, Arthur, 308487, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 5251, Manchester Regiment.
Bulger, Thomas, 53839, Pte., d., 9/6/18.
Burgess, William, 308760, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Burke, Edward, 307650, Pte., d., 28/10/18.
Burnett, Fred, 325050, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 205143, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Burrs, James, 325029, Cpl., d., 7/7/17, formerly 80379, Royal Field Artillery.
Burton, George, 305572, Sgt., k., 20/11/17.
Buttery, William Henry, 59357, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Byrne, James, 305411, Sgt., k., 20/9/17.
Byrne, John, 305824, Pte., d., 19/7/17.
Byrom, Harold, 308146, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Callaghan, William, 306618, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Carberry, Michael, 308777, L/Cpl., k., 31/3/18.
Carver, William Thomas, 84879, Pte., d., 1/6/18, formerly 38006, South Wales Borderers.
Castle, James Lee, 61652, Pte., k., 21/11/17, formerly 10014, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Catchpole, William Charles, 325042, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 3879, Essex Regiment.
Caygill, James Harrison, 85936, Pte , k , 22/12/17, formerly R/4/062055, Royal Army Service Corps.
Chadwick, Harry, 308711, Pte., d., 3/11/17.
Clarendon, William, 307441, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Clarke, Harry, 307705, Pte., d.h., 27/10/18.
Clayton, Leo, 65467, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Clift, Wilfred Atherton, 91616, Pte., d., 21/5/18.
Clifton, George, 308855, Pte., k., 2/11/17.
Chissold, Cyril James, 91016, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Cockburn, Herbert John, 241719, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Coghlan, Leslie, 305652, Pte., k., 26/10/17.
Cohen, Samuel, 58007, Pte., d., 22/9/17, formerly 290, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Cole, William, 38569, Pte., k., 2/6/18.
Coles, Alfred Henry, 306365, Sgt., k., 28/5/18.
Collins, William, 267756, Pte., d., 16/7/17.
Conlan, Michael, 307854, Pte., d.h., 2/10/18..
Cook, George Clark, 307511, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Cook, Joseph, 308505, Sgt., k., 31/7/17, formerly 5276, Manchester Regiment.
Cooke, Thomas, 46401, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Cooper, Thomas, 305296, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Copplen, Albert, 307860, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Cornall, Harry, 305980, C.S.M., k., 20/11/17, M.M.
Cosgrave, Thomas, 305399, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Cosgrove, Thomas, 306051, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Coventry, Samuel Richard, 308745, Pte., d., 2/11/18.
Coward, Joseph Watson, 88336, Pte., d., 4/6/18.
Cox, Patrick, 308700, Pte., k., 31/10/17.
Craig, Thomas, 307014, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Craven, John, 85035, Pte., k., 7/8/18, formerly R/4/062503, Royal Army Service Corps.
Craven, Arthur, 308338, Pte., k., 1/12/17, formerly 4519, Manchester Regiment.
Crisp, Frederick William, 85882, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 16550, 5th Lancers.
Crookall, Jack, 306067, L/Cpl., k., 22/12/17.
Crescup, Colin James, 307428, Sgt., k., 20/9/17.
Cuff, Ernest John, 308417, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4011, Manchester Regiment.
Culshaw, Henry, 268945, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Cunningham, Hugh, 42850, Pte., k., 22/12/17.
Daley, John, 308434, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4558, Manchester Regiment.
Daniels, Jehacda, 8573, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly R/4/063279, Royal Army Service Corps.
Davey, Joseph, 325052, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 30247, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Davies, Daniel, 204772, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 43014, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Davies, Harry Tudor, 308268, Pte., d., 5/7/17.
Davies, Thomas, 306899, L/Cpl., k., 27/9/18.
Davies, William Robert, 15398, Pte , k., 30/8/18.
Dawson, Ernest, 40035, Pte., k., 27/10/17, formerly 33610, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Dewhurst, Joseph, 306073, Sgt., k., 26/7/17.
Dicks, William, 307871, Pte., d., 25/9/17.
Dixon, Charles, 56107, Pte., k., 9/9/18, formerly 23587, East Lancashire Regiment.
Docking, Albert, 85925, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 16539, 5th Lancers.
Donaldson, Samuel, 308208, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Donovan, Daniel, 306672, Pte., k., 21/10/17.
Doyle, John, 307317, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Downey, Eugene, 307874, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Downs, James Thomas, 49933, Pte., d., 12/8/17, formerly 36510, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Dowley, Patrick, 325106, Pte., d., 20/11/17, formerly 4802, London Regiment.
Duffy, Edward, 308984, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Duffy, Martin, 325077, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 201731, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Dyer, Thomas, 306319, Pte., d., 10/9/18.
Eastham, George, 308731, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Eastwood, John William, 308166, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Eccles, Frank, 305803, Cpl., d., 20/9/17.
Edwards, Arnold, 307881, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Elliott, John Monkhouse, 56846, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Ellis, Arthur, 308209, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Ellison, Arthur Reginald, 85349, Cpl., k., 9/10/18, formerly 339192, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Entwistle, John, 306336, Pte., k., 26/10/17.
Evans, Joseph, 269450, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Evans, Robert, 306774, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Evans, Wilfred, 91025, Pte., d., 12/10/18.
Farmer, John Mallison, 308141, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Farnworth, Albert Edward, 308154, Pte., d., 28/7/17.
Fearns, Patrick, 307662, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Finnerty, Patrick, 307599, Pte., k., 7/6/18.
Flaherty, Edward, 307470, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Flannary, John, 307886, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
Fletcher, Charles, 308709, Pte., d., 12/11/18.
Fletcher, George Arthur, 308142, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Forth, Harry, 438420, Pte., d., 1/8/17, formerly 4039, Manchester Regiment.
Foster, James, 72433, Pte., k., 22/12/17.
Fowler, George, 308561, Pte., k., 2/11/17.
Fowler, George, 308521, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Fraser, Thomas, 308499, L/Cpl., k., 13/7/17, formerly 5310, Manchester Regiment.
Freeman, John Thomas, 308122, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Galvin, William, 305204, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Gardner, William George, 406657, Pte., k., 13/9/18, formerly 25016, Cheshire Regiment.
George, Rex, 308870, L/Cpl., d., 8/11/18.
Gibson, Thomas, 307896, Pte., k., 14/7/17.
Giller, Walter Reginald, 308358, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4588, Manchester Regiment.
Gorham, Matthew Joseph, 307303, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Green, Albert, 88353, Pte., d.h., 5/3/18, formerly 5579, Cheshire Regiment.
Green, Richard, 30939, Pte., d., 22/4/18, formerly 232341, Royal Army Service Corps.
Green, Thomas Francis, 405939, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Greenfield, Albert, 306554, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Greenop, Harry, 91033, Pte., k., 30/8/18.
Greenwell, Alfred, 51330, Pte., k., 30/8/18, formerly 40431, Durham Light Infantry.
Gregory, James, 308303, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4972, Manchester Regiment.
Gregson, Richard, 306354, L/Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Grimes, William, 306712, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Grindrod, John, 308684, Pte., d., 24/12/17.
Grover, Theron, 306656, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Hannah, William James, 25582, Pte., k., 29/9/18.
Hargreaves, Edward Albert, 308172, Pte., k., 20/7/17.
Harling, Robert, 308580, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Harmer, David, 308612, Pte., k., 22/12/17.
Harris, Cyril Herbert Smith, 325035, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17, formerly 16992, Essex Regiment.
Harrison, William, 60800, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 36346, Durham Light Infantry.
Harrop, Francis William, 325078, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 200864, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Hartley, William, 307073, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hartnett, Timothy, 306537, Pte., k., 2/11/17.
Harwood, Robert Henry Maunder, 81186, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 63834, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Haselum, Frederick, 86558, Pte., k., 2/6/18.
Hay, Rowland Nichol, 406110, Pte., k., 25/5/18.
Hayes, Daniel, 307203, Pte., k., 17/9/17.
Hayes, John Douglas Rivers, 306428, L/Cpl., k., 26/10/17.
Hayhurst, Samuel, 307909, L/Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Heath, Harry, 203343, Pte., d., 23/9/17.
Henry, John, 306835, Sgt., d., 4/10/18.
Hetherington, James, 307046, L/Sgt., k., 20/9/17.

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Higgins, Edward, 308217, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Higginson, James, 90803, Pte., k., 7/10/18.
Hignett, Daniel Andrew, 26004, Pte., k., 13/9/18.
Hilton, Edgar, 23500, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Himsworth, Edwin Joseph, 325057, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30277, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Hinchcliffe, John, 308649, Cpl., k., 1/6/18.
Hinchcliffe, John, 306431, Pte., d., 27/10/17.
Hodgson, Samuel Robert, 306028, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Horbury, John, 308429, C.S.M., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4481, Manchester Regiment.
Houghton, George Edwin, 51691, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Howarth, Ernest, 243749, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Howell, Daniel Jermyn, 59387, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Howey, David, 306724, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Hudson, John, 51828, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Hughes, Edwin, 325059, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 205123, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Hughes, James, 307582, Pte., k., 15/6/18.
Hughes, Walter William, 308443, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4776, Manchester Regiment.
Hill, William, 203142, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Ipsen, Joseph Arthur, 308271, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Irwin, Herbert James, 307927, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Jacobs, William Herbert, 325017, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 14387, Essex Regiment.
James, George, 325025, L/Sgt., k., 20/11/17, formerly 31431, Essex Regiment.
Joicey, Thomas, 49899, Pte., d., 31/7/17, formerly 44907, Yorkshire Regiment.
Johnson, Herbert, 30165, Pte., d., 22/9/17.
Johnson, John, 405889, Pte., d., 23/12/17.
Johnson, Thomas, 306062, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Johnson, William Halsall, 91045, Pte., k., 13/9/18.
Jones, Edward, 9585, Pte., d.h., 17/10/18.
Jones, Francis, 308272, L/Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Jones, George H., 17389, L/Cpl., k., 13/9/18.
Jones, Harold, 91048, Pte., k., 2/6/18.
Kay, Charles, 267946, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Kay, William James, 267955, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Keeble, Albert, 235309, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 241970, Yorkshire Regiment.
Kehoe, Michael, 307138, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
Kellett, Peter, 307936, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Kelley, Robert Campbell, 90741, Pte., d., 29/11/18, formerly 10676, Reserve Regiment Dragoons.
Kelly, John, 308228, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Kenrick, John, 305322, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Kilburn, Francis, 47238, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Kingston, Charles Frederick, 53456, Pte., k., 30/8/18 formerly 394364, London Regiment.
Knight, Frank, 48532, Pte., k., 31/10/17.
Lacy, Patrick, 308938, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lakeland, Aloysius, 305692, Pte., d., 27/2/18.
Laughland, James C., 95505, Pte., d.h., 6/7/18.
Lee, Harry, 308319, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4466, Manchester Regiment.
Lees, Robert, 308504, Cpl., k., 1/9/18, formerly 5358, Manchester Regiment.
Leeson, Matthew, 94304, L/Cpl., k., 8/9/18, formerly 26632, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Lennett, Horatio Dixon, 207786, Pte., d., 10/8/17.
Lewis, Alwyn, 308148, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Liddle, William Thomas, 49901, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Littlefair, William Charles, 49900, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 44748, Yorkshire Regiment.
Lloyd, Frank William, 51106, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Lockett, William Edward, 203312, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Lowther, John, 307942, Pte., d., 4/7/17.
Lunn, George, 235061, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 30270, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Lynch, William Edward, 307742, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Mahon, Patrick, 305169, Sgt., d., 14/8/18. D.C.M.
Mahoney, James, 306663, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Mahoney, James Hubert, 203177, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Marsden, William, 306600, Pte., d., 8/6/18.
Marshall, George, 51098, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 20779, E. Surrey Regiment.
Marshall, John, 203309, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Mason, Frank, 308568, Pte., d., 23/7/17.
Mather, Edward, 308159, Pte., d., 30/11/17.
Matthews, Edward, 325001, Pte., d., 23/9/17, formerly 3435, Essex Regiment.
May, Michael, 308692, L/Cpl., k., 22/12/17.
Maybury, Thomas Ernest, 45889, Pte., d., 1/12/17.
Maynard, Peter, 333034, Cpl., k., 1/6/18, formerly 266252, Cheshire Regiment.
McCall, Samuel, 242084, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
McEligott, Paul, 305434, A/Sgt., d., Africa, 12/8/17.
McKewan, Norman, 405843, Pte., k., 27/10/18.
Mears, Percy, 203334, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Mercer, Robert, 305698, Pte., k., 20/7/17.
Millward, Samuel, 307793, L/Cpl., d.h., 5/5/18.
Moffatt, Spencer, 204779, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Moore, John Philip, 307966, Pte., k., 19/7/17.
Mooring, Clarence, 49888, A/Sgt., k., 31/7/17, formerly 9224, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Morley, James Henry, 306221, Pte., d., 13/11/18.
Morris, Herbert, 308240, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Morris, William, 203993, Pte., d., 26/11/17.
Morrison, Thomas, 307619, Pte., k., 20/3/18.
Morton, Alexander, 306267, Pte., k., 20/9/17, M.M.
Mullin, Matthew, 42917, Pte., k., 1/11/17.
Murphy, James, 306754, L/Cpl., d., 13/1/18.
Murphy, William Henry, 306620, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Nally, Patrick, 308652, Pte., k., 30/7/17.
Naylor, Charles, 305704, Sgt., d., 30/7/17.
Naylor, Edward, 305387, Pte., k., 14/7/17.
Nelson, Andrew, 201987, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Newsome, Richard, 243790, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Nieberg, Henry, 51112, L/Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Noonan, John Patrick, 308438, Pte., k., 24/6/18, formerly 4541, Manchester Regiment.
Norris, Percy George, 51104, Pte., d., 31/3/18, formerly 960389, London Regiment (Queen's).
O'Brien, Michael Joseph, 237235, Pte., d., 18/7/17.
O'Callaghan, Patrick James, 308999, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Osborne, Arthur, 72741, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Park, Thomas, 305324, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Parker, William, 308811, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Paulton, Walter, 305677, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Peck, Frederick William, 325016, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 28705, Essex Regiment.
Pell, William, 306347, Pte., k., 29/5/18.
Perkin, Herbert, 308332, L/Cpl., k., 28/6/18, formerly 4505, Manchester Regiment.
Pollard, William Henry, 270062, Pte., d., 10/12/18.
Pope, George, 88903, Pte., d., 31/8/18.
Porcelli, Albert, 306352, Pte., k., 22/12/17.
Piper, Charles Andrew, 87877, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 23425, East Surrey Regiment.
Prenty, William, 308800, Pte., k., 5/8/17.
Preston, James, 308054, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4488, Manchester Regiment.
Prince, Joseph, 306091, Pte., k., 22/7/17.
Rawlinson, Thomas, 306453, Pte., d., 1/7/17.
Ready, Walter, 308549, Pte., d., 6/7/17, formerly 2882, 8th Hussars.
Reddy, William, 306333, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Reeves, George, 307302, Pte., d., 28/7/18.
Reeves, George Arthur, 308577, Pte., d., 24/12/17.
Reynolds, Francis Costello, 308845, Pte., d., 12/9/18.
Richardson, John, 51041, Pte., d., 3/12/17, formerly 24431, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Richardson, Mydleton, 308837, Pte., k., 13/9/18.
Riddell, James, 308747, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Rimmer, William, 307981, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Roberts, John, 306563, Pte., k., 12/9/18.
Robinson, Alexander, 307086, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Robinson, Harold, 308243, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 6971, Royal Field Artillery.
Robinson, William, 50965, Pte., k., 29/9/18, formerly T/36479, Royal Army Service Corps.
Robson, John William, 60158, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 27814, West Yorkshire Regiment.
Ross, Alfred, 308151, Pte., d., 8/7/17.
Rothwell, William Edward, 91057, L/Cpl., k., 11/9/18.
Rowley, William George, 306016, L/Cpl., d., 26/6/18.
Runacres, John Paterson, 51255, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 22244, East Kent Regiment.
Rush, Hugh, 308184, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Russell, Thomas, 306988, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Sarginson, Stanley, 306217, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Savage, Herbert John, 99640, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 8800, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Sawyer, Charles Henry, 307195, Sgt., d., 9/8/17, M.M.
Sessions, Harry Frederick, 51042, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 14885, Essex Regiment.
Setchell, Ernest, 99642, Pte., d., 17/9/18, formerly 7211, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Sexton, Arthur Llewellyn, 53453, Pte., k., 1/12/17, formerly 554090, London Regiment (Queen's).
Sharpe, William, 307313, Pte., d., 1/1/19.
Sheard, John Reginald, 87435, Pte., k., 29/8/18.
Shepherd, James, 307084, Pte., d., 20/7/18.
Shepherd, Wilfred Henry, 305861, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Sinnott, William, 31309, Pte., d., 4/7/17.
Sketchley, Stanley, 308976, Sgt., d.h., 14/7/17.
Sloan, James, 306304, Pte., d., 23/7/17.

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Slough, Albert, 325006, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17, formerly 6693, Essex Regiment.
Smith, Benjamin, 307675, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Smith, Christopher, 99643, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly M/315526, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.).
Smith, Ernest, 53475, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 203255, East Surrey Regiment.
Smith, Finnial, 325079, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 202887, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Smith, John Ernest, 269861, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Smith, Robert Peter, 306465, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Smith, Walter Henry, 53306, Pte., k., 31/10/17, formerly 242056, East Surrey Regiment.
Sparks, John, 49458, Pte., d., 5/10/18.
Stafford, James, 308096, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 1883, Manchester Regiment.
Steele, Thomas, 308580, Pte., k., 11/9/18.
Stirrup, William, 308118, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Stizaker, William Joseph, 87390, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Stonard, Jack William, 85729, Pte., k., 21/4/18, formerly 1845, 2nd King Edward's Horse.
Sullivan, Vincent Joseph, 308886, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Sumsion, Stanley John, 53477, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 204053, East Surrey Regiment.
Sutton, Cyril, 308123, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Sutton, George, 325014, Cpl., k., 10/7/17, formerly 30358, Essex Regiment.
Swainbank, James, 58681, Pte., d., 5/9/18.
Swarbrick, Robert Lewis, 306411, Pte., k., 26/10/17.
Tattersall, Bert, 306024, Pte., k., 11/1/18, M.M.
Taylor, George, 308567, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Taylor, Harry, 50149, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 23006, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Taylor, John Broadbent, 87081, Pte., k., 9/9/18.
Taylor, Robert William, 306454, Pte., d., 1/7/17.
Taylor, William, 49911, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 44897, Yorkshire Regiment.
Taylor, William, 308390, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4951, Manchester Regiment.
Thomas, James, 300388, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 250436, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Thompson, John Wilson, 90983, Pte., d.h., 15/10/18.
Thurstance, Frederick, 53487, Pte., k., 25/5/18.
Titherington, Thomas, 306811, Pte., d., 6/11/18.
Todd, George, 307714, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Todd, Albert Edward, 308588, Pte., d., 16/11/18.
Tophan, John, 307224, Pte., k., 30/10/18.
Topper, Ernest, 305680, Pte., d., 1/11/17.
Travers, Thomas Henry, 53315, Pte., k., 30/8/18, formerly 242305, East Surrey Regiment.
Tucker, Frederick, 53479, Pte., k., 11/9/18, formerly 204055, East Surrey Regiment.
Tuke, Herbert John, 305370, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Turnbull, Alexander, 50977, Pte., k., 28/10/17, formerly T/4/24181, Royal Army Service Corps.
Turner, Gilbert, 49870, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Turner, Joseph, 307820, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Turner, Thomas, 306259, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Turner, Thomas, 306286, Pte., d., 6/8/17.
Utterson, Phillip, 49889, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 39377, Yorkshire Regiment.
Vernon, Robert Arthur, 356440, L/Cpl., d., 31/8/18.
Walker, Geroge William, 53318, Pte., d., 11/9/18, formerly 242167, East Surrey Regiment.
Walshaw, Harry Ellis, 53490, Pte., k., 17/6/18, formerly 6359, East Surrey Regiment.
Ward, Ben, 49882, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 27367, Yorkshire Regiment.
Ward, Charles, 307822, L/Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Watson, Albert Edward, 325022, L/Sgt., k., 31/7/17, formerly 19680, Essex Regiment.
Webster, Henry James, 53494, Pte., d., 29/5/18, formerly 202204, East Surrey Regiment.
Welch, Malachi Joseph, 307434, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Whalley, Richard, 306191, A/Cpl., k., 22/9/17.
Wherry, Hugh, 305094, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
White, George, 325074, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 30275, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Whitehead, William, 306133, Pte., k., 26/7/17.
Whiteside, George, 86782, Pte., d., 30/8/18.
Wignall, Matthew, 90989, Pte., k., 1/4/18.
Wilding, Charles, 308781, Pte., k., 5/6/18.
Wilkinson, John, 87009, Pte., d., 28/9/18.
Williams, John, 307748, L/Cpl., k., 20/7/17.
Williams, John Robert, 308160, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Williams, Stephen, 203265, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Wilson, James, 65074, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Wilson, James Henry, 308263, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Wilson, Thomas Hargreaves, 39471, Pte., d., 28/12/17.
Winstanley, James, 305158, Pte., k., 13/7/17.
Winstanley, Thomas Henry, 308259, Pte., d., 7/8/17.
Wintersgill, Alfred, 53319, Pte., d., 25/12/17, formerly 242251, East Surrey Regiment.
Witts, Charles, 32500, Pte., d., 24/9/17, formerly 2972, Essex Regiment.
Wolfe, Robert, 306240, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Worton, George Ernest, 86771, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Wright, John Joseph, 307122, Pte., d., 22/3/18.
Wrigley, Fred, 306270, Pte., k., 27/9/18.

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Addis, Edward, 48540, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Allan, Frank, 330367, Cpl., d., 30/9/18.
Allott, George Randolph, 332987, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 1965, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Alston, Dawson, 94863, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Ambrose, Richard, 332798, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Armitage, Frank, 49681, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 30497, West Riding Regiment.
Ashton, Raymond, 49878, Pte., k., 11/8/18, formerly 28628, Yorkshire Regiment.
Aindow, John, 204155, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Badham, Harold James, 53410, Pte., d.h., 13/11/18, formerly 242296, East Surrey Regiment.
Baker, Thomas Burrows, 241461, Pte., d., 30/9/18.
Ball, Ernest, 243748, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Ball, Thomas Henry, 330560, L/Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Banks, Walter, 332007, Pte., k., 2/11/17.
Bannock, Bertram Isaac, 87888, Pte., d., 7/5/18, formerly 19354, E. Surrey Regiment.
Barclay, Ernest, 330894, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Bateson, John Frederick Lawrence, 330535, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Beaumont, Herbert, 53411, Pte., d., 16/5/18, formerly 242264, E. Surrey Regiment.
Beckwith, William, 332169, Pte., k., 28/3/18, M.M.
Bell, Walter, 53343, Pte., d., 18/5/18, formerly 5475, E. Surrey Regiment.
Bingham, Alfred, 49690, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30329, W. Riding Regiment.
Blackham, John Thomas, 350096, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 241526, S. Staffordshire Regiment.
Blackhurst, Edward, 332950, Pte., d., 4/9/18.
Blake, Ralph, 350008, Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 942, Royal Engineers.
Blundell, James, 330945, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Boddy, Arthur, 235584, Pte., k., 28/8/18, formerly 2294, E. Surrey Regiment.
Bolt, Harry Owen, 332155, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Bolton, William, 331004, Cpl., k., 1/6/18.
Boulton, George, 331912, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Bowles, John, 265662, Sgt., k., 22/9/17, M.M.
Boyd, Thomas, 25217, L/Cpl., k., 5/10/18.
Brady, Arthur, 308967, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Bradley, John, 36579, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Bradley, Robert, 332214, Pte., d., 6/10/18.
Bradys, Francis Joseph, 350009, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 980, Royal Engineers.
Bretherton, William, 330706, Cpl., k., 22/9/17.
Briggs, Ernest, 49678, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30613, W. Riding Regiment.
Brook, Harry, 49686, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 30180, W. Riding Regiment.
Brophy, Jeremiah, 202359, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Bruce, John, 331308, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Burns, John, 331415, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Burton, John, 331442, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Bushell, Benjamin, 331105, L/Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Butterfield, Fred, 49697, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 16936, W. Riding Regiment.
Burke, Martin, 332001, Pte., k., 4/9/17.
Caddick, William James, 350013, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 569, Royal Engineers.
Cade, Freddy, 49704, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 16926, W. Riding Regiment.
Cahill, Thomas William, 204188, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Callow, James Arthur, 332060, L/Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Campbell, Robert Henry, 332127, Pte., k., 10/8/18.

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Canning, Charles Ernest, 330538, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Carline, Henry, 331159, L/Cpl., k., 21/9/17.
Carroll, Frederick, 306128, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Carter, Leonard, 332725, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 36316, Manchester Regiment.
Carty, James, 49701, Pte., k., 7/8/17, formerly 30172, W. Riding Regiment.
Cavanagh, John, 94884, Pte., k., 2/9/18.
Chinn, Percival, 332989, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 1867, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Christian, William J., 331684, Pte., d., 13/7/17.
Christian, John, 350015, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 971, Royal Engineers.
Coe, Benjamin, 94889, Pte., d., 12/4/18.
Coleman, Walter Sydney, 350016, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 1049, Royal Engineers.
Cooper, Arthur William, 48687, Pte., d.h., 7/10/18, formerly 47482, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Cooper, Arthur, 26883, Sgt., k., 2/8/17.
Cooper, Ernest, 94890, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Cooper, Charles Noel, 332732, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 36797, Manchester Regiment.
Costello, Phillip, 332227, Pte., d., 30/10/17.
Coulthard, Robert, 330387, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
Craven, Harold, 40702, Pte., d., 25/8/18, formerly 30179, West Riding Regiment.
Crimes, Henry, 332126, Pte., k., 26/12/17.
Culbert, Walter, 331258, Pte., k., 11/8/18.
Currie, William, 64979, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Curzon, Frank, 201239, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Dann, Henry, 330730, Pte., d., 4/9/18.
Dawson, John James, 332836, Pte., k., 20/8/17.
Delmas, Lester Louis, 331604, Sgt., k., 28/8/18.
Dibbert, Albert Edward, 331839, Cpl., d., 7/10/18.
Dobson, Thomas, 49227, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 24148, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Dodds, Alexander, 350026, Pte., d., 9/7/17, formerly 1273, Royal Engineers.
Doyle, George Henry, 105615, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Duncan, George, 330069, Sgt., k., 8/11/17.
Dunn, Alfred, 48187, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Dunn, Harry, 49726, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 30356, W. Riding Regiment.
Earnshaw, John Alfred, 406254, Pte., d., 28/12/17.
Ebbles, Edward, 241538, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Edge, John Arthur, 203809, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Edge, Joseph, 330314, L/Cpl., k., 22/9/17.
Edmondson, Edward, 332696, Pte., d., 9/11/18.
Edwards, Albert Edwin, 232698, Pte., k., 2/7/17.
Edwards, Frederick, 332800, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Ellison, William, 330849, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Entwistle, Arthur, 91145, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Evans, Herbert, 331680, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Farby, Clifford, 91201 Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Farnham, Ernest Edwin, 330045, Sgt., d., 4/8/17.
Farrell, Thomas, 331397, Pte., d., 14/5/18.
Fenelon, Michael, 204232, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Fenwick, John Ernest, 53103, Pte., k., 28/5/18, formerly 20522, East Surrey Regiment.
Ferguson, John Wallace, 204249, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Finch, John, 308136, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Fisher, Thomas, 332630, Pte., d., 22/9/17.
Foulkes, Edward, 332000, Pte., d., 2/9/18.
Francis, William Henry, 331816, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Fraser, William A., 332851, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Gaskell, Richard, 331063, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Gately, Thomas, 332620, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 5064, Manchester Regiment.
Gawne, Herbert, 11342, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Gerrard, William Ernest, 202872, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Gibbs, Charles, 406608, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 2193, Welsh Regiment.
Gill, Thomas, 330686, L/Cpl., d., 1/9/18, M.M.
Goff, Henry Hall, 331973, L/Cpl., k., 30/9/18.
Grace, John, 405397, Pte., d., 27/9/18, formerly 24616, East Lancashire Regiment.
Graham, James William, 21123, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Gray, Arthur, 105629, Pte., k., 28/8/18, formerly 94436, Manchester Regiment.
Greening, William Henry, 242035, L/Cpl., k., 30/9/18.
Greenwood, Edward, 308641, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Greenwood, Mark, 49728, Pte., d., 24/9/17, formerly 16959, W. Riding Regiment.
Gregory, Robert Campbell, 333018, Sgt., k., 22/9/17.
Griffin, Peter, 330338, L/Cpl., k., 22/9/17.
Griffiths, Harry, 332734, Pte., k. 31/7/17, formerly 12752, Manchester Regiment.
Griffiths, William, 332613, Pte., d., 5/8/17, formerly 3438, Manchester Regiment.
Griffiths, William Arthur, 332012, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Griffiths, William George, 330557, Sgt., k., 28/8/18. D.C.M. and M.M.
Groves, William Charles, 332644, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Grugeon, Norman Henry, 87882, Pte., k., 6/5/18, formerly 11512, East Surrey Regiment.
Gunn, Harold Helwell, 332823, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Guilo, Daniel, 331827, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Hall, Tom, 332599, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4224, Manchester Regiment.
Hallam, Charles, 330366, L/Cpl., k., 15/3/18.
Hampson, Frank, 268519, Pte., k., 30/9/18, formerly 4801, Manchester Regiment.
Harrison, James, 331076, Pte., k., 15/6/18.
Harrop, George, 53360, Pte., k., 4/11/17, formerly 5545, E. Surrey Regiment.
Hartopp, William, 331474, Cpl., k., 13/8/18.
Harwood, Thomas, 332827, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Haslen, George Stephen, 51247, Pte., k., 30/9/18, formerly 14097, Sussex Regiment.
Hatton, William George, 107967, Pte., d., 29/9/18.
Henshaw, William, 332925, Pte., k., 2/9/18.
Hilton, Alfred, 330330, Pte., k., 31/7/17, M.M.
Hindley, George Edward, 330190, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Hodgkinson, Harold, 331188, Pte., d., 27/12/17.
Holding, Thomas, 22413, Pte., d., 3/7/18.
Holmes, Herbert, 53302, Pte., k., 4/11/17, formerly 242160, E. Surrey Regiment.
Holt, Arthur, 308176, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Hooper, Charles Harold, 331869, Pte., k., 30/9/18, M.M.
Horton, Arthur, 332919, Pte., d.h., 16/1/18.
Hough, Thomas Albert, 350042, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 1057, Royal Engineers.
Houlton, Arthur Robert, 331874, Pte., d.h., 18/11/18.
Howard, George Henry, 332490, Pte., d., 29/8/18.
Hughes, Edward, 331842, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Hughes, William Henry, 330915, Sgt., k., 30/9/18.
Ingham, Thomas, 49749, Pte., k., 23/9/17, formerly 30496, W. Riding Regiment.
Inman, Allan, 49750, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 16980, W. Riding Regiment.
Ireland, Robert, 332824, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Jackson, Reginald, 332852, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
James, Albert, 53366, Pte., k., 30/9/18, formerly 241245, E. Surrey Regiment.
Jarvis, John Henry, 331117, Pte., k., 4/9/17.
Johnson, Frank, 92086, Pte., d., 17/11/18.
Johnson, James Daniel, 330037, Sgt., k., 14/9/18, M.M.
Johnson, Thomas, 330115, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Johnson, William, 331903, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Johnson, William, 332812, Pte., d.h., 17/10/17.
Jones, Alexander, 350047, Pte., k., 2/7/17, formerly 1074, Royal Engineers.
Jones, Benjamin, 332632, Pte., d., 20/9/17.
Jones, Henry Herbert, 332193, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Jones, Richard, 331073, L/Cpl., d., 1/10/18.
Jones, Richard, 332013, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Jones, Thomas Edward, 332105, L/Cpl., d., 3/10/18, M.M.
Kemp, William Henry, 331828, Pte., d., 27/9/18.
Kellett, John, 332825, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Kelly, Charles, 332028, L/Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Kelly, Philip, 307935, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Kelly, Philip, 332740, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 18271, Manchester Regiment.
Kershaw, George Harry, 332606, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 4637, Manchester Regiment.
Kewn, Thomas Henry, 350359, Cpl., d., 22/9/18.
Knowlson, William E., 331378, Pte., k., 26/10/18.
Laird, Reginald, 350057, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 928, Royal Garrison Artillery (T.F.).
Langton, Henry, 332093, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Law, Edward, 331982, Pte., k., 12/8/17.
Lesse, Arthur, 332156, Pte., k., 26/10/17.
Leighton, Joseph, 350058, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 1063, Royal Engineers.
Levy, Edwin, 84910, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Lewin, Stephen, 204234, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lewis, William George, 331374, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Lineker, William George, 350060, Pte., k., 2/12/17, formerly 1012, Royal Engineers.
Lodge, Thomas William, 331976, L/Cpl., d., 4/11/17.
Lowe, Willie, 49763, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Ludwig, John Andrew, 330488, L/Cpl., k., 1/8/17.
Lyons, James Edward, 330847, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Maher, Edward, 330329, Pte., d., 16/10/18.
Malone, Thomas, 266112, L/Sgt., d., 15/12/17.
Manley, Reginald Roland, 44316, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 41680, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Marrison, Harold C., 332015, Pte., d., 5/11/17.
Mason, Alfred, 40190, Pte., k., 5/10/18, formerly 28124, Lancashire Fusiliers.

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Massam, Thomas, 332247, Pte., d., 1/10/18.
Mather, Harold, 49766, Pte., d., 2/8/17, formerly 16927, W. Riding Regiment.
Mayall, Ernest, 332746, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 35487, Manchester Regiment.
Maynard, Albert, 95036, Sgt., d., 2/9/18, formerly 2526, Royal Field Artillery.
McAuley, Joseph Patrick, 332662, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
McDonald, James, 331543, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
McDonald, Stephen, 330344, L/Cpl., d.h., 11/10/18, M.M.
McDonnell, James, 204414, Pte., k., 10/8/18, formerly 1706, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
McFie, Charles, 331880, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
McGinley, Charles Atkinson, 332868, L/Cpl., k., 22/9/17.
McGorrin, James, 307956, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McGuiness, James, 332804, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McMillan, John, 330663, Pte., k., 26/12/17.
McNeil, Joseph Banks, 331440, Pte., k., 28/12/17.
McQuade, Patrick, 332103, Cpl., d., 2/12/17.
Meadow, William, 332084, Pte., d., 2/9/18.
Millington, George, 331988, Pte., k., 26/10/17.
Moore, William, 332455, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Morgan, Ernest, 332743, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 29190, Manchester Regiment.
Morgan, Thomas John, 107842, Pte., d., 11/10/18.
Morris, James, 204182, Pte., d., 12/10/17.
Mosley, Charles, 405915, Pte., d., 7/10/18, M.M.
Moss, David, 41216, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 136942, Royal Field Artillery.
Mossman, Frank, 331046, Pte., k., 14/6/18.
Mudd, Thomas, 331831, Pte., d., 6/11/17.
Mulholland, James, 330345, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Newman, Arthur James, 49770, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 30144, W. Riding Regiment.
Nicholas, Edwin James, 40771, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 30166, W. Riding Regiment.
Nicholls, Longford William, 107976, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Noden, Stephen Severen, 330162, L/Cpl., d., 16/10/17.
Nuttall, Thomas, 88819, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
O'Diver, Michael, 331935, Cpl., d., 9/9/17.
Owens, John, 331381, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Owens, Robert, 350070, Pte., d.h., 2/1/18, formerly 35020, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Parker, James, 330543, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Parkinson, Richard, 203845, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Parr, John, 332873, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Parsonage, Arthur William, 204341, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Pemberton, George, 350073, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 961, Royal Engineers (T.F.).
Penny, William, 331662, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Percy, Alfred Edward, 331866, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Perfect, Harry, 405455, Pte., d., 20/8/17, formerly 42990, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Phillips, Thomas, 204279, Pte., d., 22/9/17.
Plant, John H., 321724, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Porter, John Henry, 332257, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Price, William Henry, 332975, Pte., d., 12/8/17.
Pridden, Humphrey Gregory, 333008, Sgt., d., 6/9/17.
Priestman, James Edward, 10934, Cpl., k., 18/8/18.
Pringle, John Dunn, 331985, Cpl., k., 4/11/17.
Rackstraw, Walter, 332579, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4870, Manchester Regiment.
Radcliffe, Herbert, 332598, Pte., d., 2/8/17, formerly 4809, Manchester Regiment.
Rainford, Henry, 330125, Pte., k., 28/8/18, M.M.
Ramage, John, 200459, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Rawsthorne, John Henry, 331715, L/Cpl., d., 22/9/17.
Rees, Thomas John, 332385, Pte., k., 2/9/18.
Reynolds, Sydney, 331818, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Richards, Robert, 332974, Pte., d., 8/9/18.
Richardson, Thomas, 330230, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Rimmer, Frederick, 332063, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Roberts, Albert, 56485, Pte., d., 3/8/17, formerly 32747, Manchester Regiment.
Roberts, James Francis, 332388, Pte., k., 26/10/18.
Robertson, James, 331171, Pte., d., 5/10/18.
Robins, Mathew, 332655, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Robinson, John Hamilton, 350083, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 1060, Royal Engineers (T.F.).
Robinson, Norman, 330224, L/Cpl., d., 14/10/17.
Ryan, Martin, 94339, Cpl., k., 30/9/18, formerly 15141, East Lancashire Regiment.
Savage, John Robert, 56131, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 27361, East Lancashire Regiment.
Senior, John Henry, 53380, Pte., k., 26/12/17, formerly 242189, E. Surrey Regiment.
Sharp, Willie, 37407, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Shaw, Gavin, 47178, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Shaw, Joseph, 35335, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Sheard, John Smith, 53382, Pte., d., 2/9/18, formerly 242192, E. Surrey Regiment.
Shepherd, Ernest, 91119, L/Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Simpkin, Benjamin, 332860, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Slee, William John, 91088, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Smith, James, 330343, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Smith, John Cornall, 406186, Pte., d., 14/11/17.
Smith, John Robert, 332822, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Smith, Sydney, 49011, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 24043, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Sneyd, William, 405359, Pte., d., 1/8/17, formerly 28367, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Sparrow, Harry, 331142, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Storrow, Alfred, 330872, Pte., d.h., 30/10/18.
Stowbridge, Harry, 330204, Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Strickland, Alfred, 331636, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Strong, Frank, 203012, Pte., d., 21/9/17.
Tarbuck, William Henry, 331157, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Temple, Charles, 332935, Pte., d.h., 1/3/19.
Thomas, William Ewart, 94234, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Thompson, Frank Christopher, 241301, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Thorn, Alfred Richard, 331297, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Thistlewaite, Henry, 204657, Pte., d., 5/11/18.
Threlfall, James Richard, 331709, Pte., d.h., 6/11/17.
Tomlinson, John William Abraham, 332334, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Tomlinson, Joseph, 332211, Pte., k., 28/8/18.
Tomlinson, William, 332691, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Tonge, Frank, 332556, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 43235, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Townley, Charles, 50638, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 34545, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Tuft, Francis Frank, 331817, Pte., k., 19/9/18.
Turnbull, Robert John, 332711, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Tweedie, John, 22276, Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Twiddy, Albert James, 50569, Pte., d., 20/9/18, formerly S/4/157278, Royal Army Service Corps.
Unwin, Albert Victor, 330207, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Ure, Andrew, 10908, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Valentine, Roland Edgerton, 203996, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Vickers, James, 332254, Pte , k., 20/8/17.
Vogan, Robert, 94327, Pte., k., 28/5/18.
Wallace, George Roland, 332629, Pte., d., 2/6/18.
Walsh, John, 330339, L/Cpl., k., 4/11/17.
Walters, Sidney Albert, 332847, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Warren, Robert, 331289, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Webster, John William, 332205, Pte., k., 30/9/18.
Wells, William, 332090, Pte., d., 19/7/17.
Westwell, Frederick, 330680, Cpl., d., 7/8/17.
Whalen, Arthur, 332511, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Whitehead, David Edward, 53342, Pte., k., 30/9/18, formerly 241797, E. Surrey Regiment.
Whitehouse, George, 332648, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Whittaker, Herbert, 332499, Pte., k., 4/9/17.
Whittaker, William, 331455, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Whittle, Abraham, 202871, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Williams, Frederick, 332500, Pte., k., 4/9/17.
Williams, John, 332383, Pte., d., 28/2/18.
Willis, James Capram, 204223, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Wilson, William James, 331237, Pte., d., 28/7/17.
Winterbottom, George Edward, 52780, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 4197, Manchester Regiment.
Wolfe, Hyman, 332364, L/Cpl., k., 28/8/18.
Wood, Fred, 332602, Pte., d., 1/9/17, formerly 4631, Manchester Regiment.
Woodhead, George Herbert, 332900, L/Cpl., d., 9/12/17.
Woodward, Arthur, 94335, L/Cpl., k., 28/8/18, formerly 27617, E. Lancashire Regiment.
Woolford, James, 331956, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Woollard, George E., 332068, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Worsley, Richard Henry, 331253, Pte., k., 26/6/18.
Wright, Albert Edward, 333003, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 8145, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Wright, Richard, 2888, Pte., d., 7/11/17.
Young, John Christopher, 332048, L/Cpl., k., 30/9/18.

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Ackers, George, 358068, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Aitchison, James William, 355457, Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Aldred, Joseph, 358637, Pte., k., 7/12/17.
Allan, Samuel Rowland, 359102, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Allen, Alfred, 359543, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Allison, Hugh Stanley, 356330, Pte., k., 9/4/18.

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Anderson, John, 357663, Cpl., d., 13/12/17.
Anderson, Joseph, 350709, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Arrowsmith, Charles Melbourne, 358576, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Ashcroft, Joseph, 356092, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Ashcroft, William, 359411, Pte., k., 21/9/17.
Ashton, Charles Norman, 356132, Pte., d., 25/9/18.
Ashworth, Fred, 358338, L/Cpl., k., 24/4/18.
Askin, James Douglas, 359152, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Audsley, Jack, 357077, Pte., k., 20/7/17.
Auger, Percy, John, 357694, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Bailey, Fred, 359545, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Baker, Thomas, 360258, Pte., k., 4/4/18.
Bamford, Robert, 359903, Pte., d., 31/1/18.
Banks, Charles, 359034, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Barker, Frank, 358851, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Barlow, Tom, 357159, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 18399, Cheshire Regiment.
Barney, Frederick William, 359605, Pte., k., 21/9/17.
Barrow, John, 356432, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Barrowclough, Joseph, 359117, Pte., d., 24/9/17.
Beecroft, Clifford, 360241, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Bell, Alexander, 357234, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Bell, Percy W., 357640, Pte., k., 21/8/17.
Bennet, Thomas, 113436, Pte., d.h., 15/11/18.
Benton, Harold, 359355, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Betteley, Harry, 356911, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Birch, Stanley, 359684, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Birchall, Alfred, 355754, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Bird, George Trevor, 357714, Pte., k., 19/6/18.
Blackburn, Edwin Duncan, 357915, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17, M.M.
Boardman, Harry, 358633, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Bond, Robert, 359630, Pte., d., 2/12/17.
Booker, Alexander, 350432, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Boulton, Harold, 357125, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Bracher, Norman, 358365, Pte., d., 15/7/17.
Bradley, Joseph, 357982, Pte., k., 2/1/18.
Branthwaite, James Sinison, 356578, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Brayton, Jonathan, 92070, Pte., d., 6/10/18.
Brockbank, Frank S., 357488, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Brown, Benjamin Woodrow, 358246, Pte., d., 7/10/18.
Brown, Morton, 359429, Pte., k., 19/6/18.
Bridson, Walter, 359566, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Brown, William Cyril, 358955, Pte., k., 6/10/18.
Brownell, William Cecil, 355836, Pte., d., 16/12/18.
Brownrigg, Isaac Rowlandson, 359647, Pte., k., 11/10/17.
Bulger, Hugh, 356934, L/Cpl., k., 12/4/18.
Burrows, Harry Lowe, 357906, Pte., d.h., 18/3/18.
Burrow, John James, 355912, Pte., d., 2/1/18.
Butterfield, Alfred Fallows, 356348, L/Sgt., k., 30/11/17, M.M.
Butterworth, William, 357183, Pte., d., 12/7/18.
Bywater, James Adamson, 359906, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Cain, Harold Joseph, 358025, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Caine, Albert Henry, 359323, Pte., d., 14/9/18.
Cameron, Thomas Stewart, 356812, L/Sgt., d., 1/12/17.
Campbell, William Henry, 356288, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Candlish, Edgar, 356193, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Cannell, Arthur, 355515, L/Cpl., k., 20/7/17.
Cardwell, Frederick, 259093, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Carrington, Thomas, 358613, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Carter, William Henry, 359035, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Champness, Walter, 358800, L/Cpl., k., 10/4/18.
Chester, Albert, 356682, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Child, Fred, 358794, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Chubb, George Alfred, 355435, Sgt., d., 5/12/17.
Claridge, Horace, 357773, L/Cpl., k., 5/10/18.
Clarkson, Gilbert, 358208, Cpl., d., 18/5/18.
Clayton, Charles George, 357770, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Clayton, George, 359177, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Cleaver, Walter Oswald, 355796, Pte., d., 12/11/18.
Clegg, Hubert, 358106, Pte., d.h., 26/3/18.
Cleverly, Sidney, 360312, Pte., d.h., 23/11/18, formerly 145726, Northants Yeomanry.
Clayton, Percival George, 358305, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Clotworthy, George, 359772, Pte., k., 1/12/17.
Coke, James Hunter, 356631, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Cole, Matthew Hutchinson, 356267, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Colston, John Percy, 356778, L/Sgt., k., 10/4/18.
Connor, Martin, 358672, Pte., d., 30/11/17.
Conway, Arthur, 359976, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Cooke, Alan Curtis, 357125, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Cooke, Francis, 359275, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Cooke, Martin Dennis, 359564, Pte., k., 13/5/18.
Cork, Thomas, 257331, Pte., k., 17/7/17.
Cormack, Oliver Henry, 359260, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Costain, Edwin Corrin, 356252, Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Costello, Martin, 359090, Pte., k., 11/3/18.
Craig, John, 255205, Sgt., d., 28/7/17.
Crawford, Edwin, 358575, Pte., d., 16/12/17.
Crompton, John Henry, 359677, Pte., d., 4/12/17.
Crone, Andrew, 2677, Cpl., k., 9/8/17.
Currie, William, 359198, Pte., k., 24/8/17.
Dale, William Hunter, 358021, Pte., d., 12/8/17.
Dannit, Percy, 307806, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Davidson, Charles, 357539, L/Cpl., d., 22/8/17.
Davies, Alfred, 359469, Pte., d., 26/11/18.
Davies, James, 360077, Pte., d., 5/8/18.
Davies, Richard, 357555, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Davies, William Arthur Gordon, 357816, Pte., d., 14/9/18, formerly 2166, Royal Field Artillery.
Dawson, James, 357902, Pte., d., 16/7/17.
Dean, Charlie, 359357, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Dempsey, Bernard, 358875, Pte., k., 26/12/17.
Dillon, Victor, 357875, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Docherty, Joseph, 356767, Pte., k., 27/4/18.
Dodd, Ernest, 356142, L/Cpl., k., 19/6/18.
Douglas, Arthur Wilson, 359110, Pte., d., 14/5/18.
Douglas, Harry, 356606, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Ducker, Benjamin, 356440, L/Cpl., d., 28/6/18.
Duckworth, William, 358127, Pte., d.h., 17/9/18.
Duffy, David, 359227, Pte., k., 25/7/17.
Dunbabin, Frederick William, 358071, Pte., k., 7/7/17
Duncan, Charles 359042, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Duncan, James, 357586, Pte., d., 10/7/17.
Dundas, Charles, 359475, Pte., k., 27/4/18.
Dunn, Alfred, 358650, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Dunn, Patrick, 359496, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Durney, Stephen, 359420, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Eagle, Paul, 357131, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Edwards, Edward, 356269, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Edwards, James Harold, 355318, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Egan, Thomas, 358681, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Ellis, Edward, 359201, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Ellison, James, 357877, Pte., k., 1/12/17.
Emerton, William Thomas, 360320, Pte., d., 5/1/18, formerly 1812, Northamptonshire Yeomanry.
English, Wilfred, 356883, L/Cpl., d., 1/1/19.
Evans, Elias, 357604, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Evans, Harry, 357748, Pte., d., 7/7/17.
Evans, Ralph, 360264, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Fernihough, William, 355324, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Fielding, John, 358510, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 51092, R. W. Fusiliers.
Fitzsimons, James, 356688, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Fleming, Clarence, 359764, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 252272, Royal Army Service Corps.
Fleming, George Kay, 359282, Pte., d.h., 14/11/17.
Fletcher, Charles William, 357998, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Ford, Fred, 359865, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Foreman, Stanley Robert, 356326, Sgt., d., 8/8/17.
Foster, John Logan, 355608, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Foster, William Charles, 357086, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Fraser, James, 358684, Pte., k., 23/4/18.
Freeborn, John Thomas, 357886, L/Cpl., d., 21/9/17.
Frith, Maurice William, 356431, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Furnise, Leonard Richard, 360323, Pte., k., 5/10/18, formerly 1791, Northampton Yeomanry.
Gambler, Stanley, 360123, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 102394, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Gardner, Henry, 358417, L/Cpl., d.h., 5/11/18.
Geddes, William James, 356718, Pte., k., 15/3/18.
Gibbs, William, 355815, Cpl., d., 16/4/18.
Gibbins, Stanley George Reginald, 355617, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Gibson, Vernon, 357832, Pte., d., 28/7/17.
Gilbridge, Martin, 356639, L/Cpl., d., 30/11/17, M.M.
Glenn, Harold, 57187, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Glover, Frederick William, 358625, Pte., d., 30/7/17.
Glover, William Albert, 356243, L/Cpl., k., 10/8/17.
Good, William, 360295, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Gorton, John, 356994, Pte., d., 24/4/18.
Graham, Thomas, 357777, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Gregg, John McCurdy, 357124, Pte., d., 11/5/18.
Greenalgh, John Thomas, 358026, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Greenwood, Thomas, 359518, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Greep, Henry Harvey, 357647, Pte., k., 26/7/17.
Greer, Richard, 359192, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Gregory, Albert, 357467, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Gregory, William, 360234, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Grosvenor, Frederick Claude, 359707, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Griffiths, William Stanley, 356702, Pte., d., 7/10/18.
Hand, Hubert, 357136, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hargreaves, George, 358742, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Harrison, Arthur, 355366, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Harrison, John Archibald, 355681, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hart, Louis, 358367, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hartley, John Eddy, 358298, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hartley, Leo, 357038, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hartley, Sydney Smith, 358404, Pte., d., 30/12/17.

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Hartley, Willis, 358668, Pte., d., 31/10/18.
Hasler, John Frederick, 358900, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hawkins, John, 359465, Pte., d., 12/12/17.
Haygarth, Mathew, 358407, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Heald, Henry, 355534, Pte., k., 13/7/17.
Helliar, Kenneth, 355364, Cpl., k., 9/4/18, M.M.
Henderson, John, 357880, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hesketh, John William, 356010, Pte., k., 27/4/18.
Hickman, James, 256272, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hiddlestone, William Borthwick, 357042, Pte., d., 28/5/18.
Higgins, Percy, 356942, Pte., k., 3/8/17.
Hindle, Frank, 356485, Pte., d., 25/8/18.
Hoare, George James, 358277, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Hobbs, Denton, 357460, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hood, Edward, 356223, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hooley, Frank, 356515, Pte., k., 19/1/18.
Hornby, Henry Herbert, 355759, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Horner, Joseph, 358558, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Horner, Stanley, 359081, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Howard, Charles John Joseph, 360117, Pte., d., 3/5/18.
Howarth, William, 358429, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hoyle, Vincent, 358698, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Hume, Walter, 355488, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/18.
Humphreys, Harry, 329257, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Hussey, George Joseph, 355132, L/Cpl., k., 5/11/17.
Hutchinson, Robert McQueen, 355532, L/Cpl., k., 20/7/17.
Huyton, Richard, 358946, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Ingham, Edward, 358131, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Irvine, James, 359540, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Jackson, William Henry, 107880, Pte., d.h., 9/7/18.
Jackson, Thomas, 355711, L/Cpl., d., 1/7/18.
James, John Benjamin, 94494, Pte., k., 22/9/18.
James, William, 359378, Pte., d., 17/11/17.
Jardine, John, 89063, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Jarrett, John William, 360353, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Jenkins, Roy William, 359016, Pte., d., 24/6/18.
Jennings, William, 356508, Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Jillings, John Alfred, 359627, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Johnson, Harold, 359787, Pte., k., 19/1/18.
Johnston, Thomas, 355059, C.Q.M.S., d., 7/5/18.
Johnstone, Charles, 355257, Sgt., k., 30/7/17.
Johnstone, Samuel, 359324, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Jones, Alfred William, 356572, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Jones, Harold, 360046, Pte., k., 14/5/18.
Jones, John, 359023, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Jones, Robert Spencer, 358158, Pte., d., 18/11/17.
Jones, William, 357073, Sgt., k., 21/9/17.
Jones, William George, 359370, Pte., d., 3/4/18.
Jump, William, 359381, Pte., d., 24/8/18.
Kafkevitch, Eli, 358589, Pte., k., 2/7/17.
Keith, George, 358270, Pte., k., 5/10/18, formerly 4864, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Kelly, Victor James, 358349, Pte., d.h., 8/7/17.
Kennedy, Stanley Hayne, 359077, Pte., k., 20/8/17.
Kenolty, William, 358864, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Kershaw, Joseph Stanley, 356762, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Kershaw, Maurice, 358443, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Kiddle, Robert Henry, 358315, Pte., d., 15/3/18.
Killip, William James, 358616, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Kinnish, John, 359344, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Kirk, John, 356172, L/Cpl., k., 14/3/18.
Kirkwood, Samuel, 356941, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Knowles, Arthur, 356843, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Lane, James Bennett, 359760, Pte., k., 3/12/17.
Larkey, John Richard, 359001, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Latham, Adrian Percy, 356826, Cpl., k., 21/9/18.
Laylee, Alexander, 358200, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Lazarus, Barnett, 360136, Pte., k., 7/8/18, formerly 89650 Royal Army Medical Corps.
Leece, Benjamin, 359658, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Leslie, John, 358697, Pte., k., 10/10/17.
Letheren, Neil, 356574, L/Cpl., d., 2/7/18.
Lewis, Frank Ernest, 358645, Pte., k., 19/6/18.
Lewis, Thomas, 359751, Pte., k., 25/7/18.
Liddle, Sydney J., 356642, Pte., k., 21/7/17.
Lindsay, Simon, 356412, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Lloyd, Richard John, 359252, Pte., d., 15/4/18.
Lockley, George Arthur, 359241, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Lodge, Hubert Arthur, 359631, Pte., d., 10/4/18.
Longley, Elliott, 359417, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Looney, Frederick Kaighen, 358203, Pte., k., 25/7/18.
Lord, Ernest, 357783, Pte., d., 4/9/17.
Lowe, Charles Samuel, 356813, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Lowndes, William Bowyer, 356720, Pte., d., 17/9/17.
Lunt, Alexander, 359656, Pte., d.h., 1/12/17.
Lutas, George, 359251, Pte., k., 1/7/17.
Lyon, Brodie, 359066, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Lyon, John, 359287, Pte., k., 7/8/18.
Macdonald, Alexander, 355013, C.S.M., k., 21/9/17.
Mackune, Henry, 355164, Cpl., k., 23/4/18.
Maddocks, Arthur, 358406, L/Cpl., k., 21/9/17.
Magee, Edward, 357905, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Marsden, William, 357148, Cpl., k., 30/11/17, D.C.M.
Marsh, William, 359584, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Martin, John Edward, 358814, Pte., d., 23/7/17.
Martin, James Gwynne, 357028, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Martin, John James, 358561, Pte., d., 7/4/18.
Mason, Stanley, 357927, Pte., k., 2/12/17.
Mawer, William, 356381, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Maxwell, Robert, 57189, Pte., k., 4/10/18, formerly 10184, Manchester Regiment.
Mayers, Harold, 357935, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McCann, William Bernard, 356328, Sgt., d.h., 19/12/18, D.C.M.
McCarrell, Robert, 89047, Pte., k., 24/4/18, formerly 30415, Cameron Highlanders.
McColl, Donald Robert, 355043, C.S.M., d.h., 13/12/18.
McConnon, Thomas, 360063, Pte., d., 6/10/18.
McCormick, Irving John, 355562, L/Sgt., k., 19/6/18, formerly 39893, Labour Corps.
McCracken, William, 355347, Pte., d., 30/10/18.
McDonald, Alfred, 355322, Pte., d., 2/12/17.
McDonald, Nicholas, 359109, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
McDowell, Ernest, 359622, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
McGilvray, David, 356038, Pte., d., 18/9/18.
McGregor, James A., 89049, Pte., k., 23/4/18, formerly 30524, Cameron Highlanders.
McLaughlin, Andrew, 356634, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McLaughlin, William Edward, 359582, Pte., k., 23/4/18.
McLean, Marcus, 356377, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
McMahon, Charles, 359195, Pte., d., 6/7/17.
McQuair, John, 357954, A/L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Meikle, Alfred Jackson, 359318, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Middlehurst, John William, 359689, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Miller, Archibald, 359109, Pte., d., 5/10/18.
Miller, Edwin Donald, 355817, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Miller, Fred, 356573, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Mitchell, Thomas Price, 355428, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Moncrieff, Arthur, 358893, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Montrose, William Carlton, 356571, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Moore, Harold Pountney, 355857, Pte., d., 8/7/17.
Moore, Thomas, 359810, Pte., k., 23/4/18.
Moore, Thomas, 357955, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Moorhouse, Harry, 357010, Pte., k., 14/4/18.
Moran, James, 359305, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Morgan, Henry, 358689, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Morgan, William, 360086, Pte., k., 27/10/18.
Morris, William Sydney, 357921, Pte., d., 3/5/18.
Munro, Henry Charles, 357019, L/Cpl., k., 10/4/18.
Murphy, Thomas, 359306, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Musker, Ernest, 359927, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Musker, Robert George, 359404, Pte., k., 15/4/18.
Mylchreest, James Edwin, 359648, Pte., k., 15/12/17.
Newton, William, 357764, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Nicholl, James Edward, 357914, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Nicholson, Fred, 358673, L/Cpl., k., 14/3/18.
Nicklin, Frederick, 355374, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Nixon, Leonard Thomas, 356384, Pte., k., 20/7/17.
Nolan, George Alexander, 356621, Pte., d., 5/10/18.
Norman, George, 356613, Pte., d., 2/12/17.
Norris, Joseph, 358550, Pte., d., 25/7/17.
Nugent, William, 358696, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Nuttall, Albert Edward, 358306, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
O'Brien, John, 358598, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Ogden, Harold, 357957, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
O'Hare, Michael Joseph, 358617, L/Cpl., k., 20/7/17.
Orange, Albert Edward, 359549, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Ovens, Alfred Edward, 359380, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Packenham, Thomas, 357627, Pte., d., 17/9/18.
Paddock, Samuel, 359223, Pte., k., 19/2/18.
Parker, David, 356234, Sgt., k., 21/9/17.
Parkinson, Ernest Albert, 358795, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Parr, Thomas, 359625, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Parry, George, 355791, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Parry, Harold, 358552, Pte., d., 9/9/18.
Peacock, Frederick George, 360137, Pte., k., 12/12/17, formerly 2269, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Pearson, William George, 355421, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Phillips, John, 356818, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Pikington, John James, 358322, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Plant, Arthur Wright Howard, 357204, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Pollard, Thomas Birtwistle, 358462, Pte., k., 19/6/18, formerly 43378, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Porter, Reginald George, 355183, Pte., d., 12/4/18.
Prater, Stephen, 358394, Sgt., k., 31/7/17, formerly 6260, 8th Hussars.
Pritchard, Thomas Alfred, 357516, Pte., d.h., 23/7/17.
Pugh, William, 356054, Pte., d., 29/8/18.
Pugh, William Nolan, 356635, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Quine, Paul Arnot, 359304, Pte., k., 17/9/17.

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Quirk, Harold, 355115, Sgt., k., 30/11/17.
Railer, Frank Kirby, 358768, Pte., d., 12/4/18.
Rankin, William, 360113, Pte., k., 24/8/18, formerly T/4/061819, Royal Army Service Corps.
Rankine, David, 356061, Pte., k., 5/11/17.
Reilly, Matthew, 359509, Pte., d.h., 22/12/17.
Reynolds, Joel, 360293, Pte., k., 24/4/18, formerly 50695, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Rhodes, William, 360176, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Ridehalgh, William, Robert, 358266, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Ridgway, Robert Hales, 356308, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Roach, John Joseph, 358451, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Roberts, Frank, 356793, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Roberts, Walter, 358042, Pte., k., 16/7/17.
Robertson, Alexander Forteath, 356328, Cpl., d., 23/9/17.
Robertson, David, 358301, Pte., d., 16/7/17.
Robertson, George, 358626, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Robinson, Thomas Porter, 359524, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Roden, George, 357117, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Rotherham, Thomas Herbert, 359179, Pte., d.h., 6/11/18.
Rudd, Charles Arundel, 356629, Pte., d., 10/8/17.
Salisbury, Harold, 358890, Pte., d., 29/4/18.
Samuel, Harry, 356063, Pte., k., 24/8/18.
Scaife, Alan Richard, 358644, L/Cpl., k., 20/7/17
Scott, James Harley, 358605, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Scrughan, Thomas, 356784, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Seddon, William, 355855, L/Cpl., d.h., 31/10/18.
Seymour, Peter, 358416, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Shaw, Harold, 358706, Pte., d., 1/6/18.
Sheriff, Percival Henry, 359022, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Simmons, John William, 358166, Pte., k., 1/1/18.
Smallshaw, George, 359246, Pte., d., 24/8/17.
Smedley, Robert H., 357459, Pte., d., 9/5/18.
Smith, Arthur, 359026, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Smith, Alwyn Tom, 358700, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Smith, Charles, 359759, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Smith, Frank, 351018, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Smith, George William, 356154, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Smith, Henry, 355888, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Smith, Herbert Henry, 357196, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Smith, Harry William, 360376, Pte., k., 5/10/18, formerly 1859, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Smith, Robert, 358574, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Southworth, William, 358762, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Spenley, Henry Gordon, 359492, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Stanton, James, 359437, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Steele, William John, 359165, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Steen, Hubert, 356604, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Stephenson, George, 358052, Pte., k., 5/10/18, formerly 1454, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Stoddart, James, 355003, R.Q.M.S., d., 2/8/17.
Studd, Norman Percy John, 357024, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Studley, Edward William, 357839, Pte., k., 25/7/18.
Summerfield, Albert, 359400, L/Cpl., d., 6/10/18.
Sutherland, Robert, 360129, Pte., d., 4/10/18, formerly 8585, Highland Light Infantry.
Swann, James William, 357908, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Talbot, Thomas, 359232, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Taylor, Brierley, 358448, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Taylor, George Cowie, 356165, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Taylor, James Frederick, 357189, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Taylor, William, 357561, Pte., d., 27/4/18, M.M.
Tenpenny, Christopher, 357788, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Thomas, Percival James, 359208, Pte., k., 25/7/17.
Tobias, Peter, 358044, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Tomlin, William Henry, 356689, L/Cpl., d., 23/4/18.
Trumann, Alfred Harry, 359235, Pte., k., 15/9/18.
Turner, Stanley George, 359039, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Turner, Thomas Morris, 357035, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Turton, James, 358571, Pte., d., 7/4/18.
Tyrer, Henry, 355067, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Tyrell, Joseph, 356951, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Utley, Joe, 356809, L/Cpl., k., 9/4/18.
Valentine, Joseph Harold, 356297, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Vernon, Frederick, 358873, Pte., k., 12/8/17.
Walker, Horace Henry, 360240, Pte., d., 14/4/18.
Walmsley, Samuel, 359821, Pte., d., 11/9/18.
Ward, Augustine, 259424, Pte., k., 10/4/18.
Watson, Donald James, 358110, Pte., k., 2/1/18.
Watson, John Hamilton, 358051, Pte., k., 20/7/17.
Welsh, Robert, 358628, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Westwood, Isaiah, 356151, Pte., d., 9/7/17.
Whatley, Gilbert, 357989, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Whatley, Norman Haviland, 92157, Pte., k., 5/8/18.
Whitehead, Joseph, 358780, Pte., d., 25/8/17.
Whitfield, James, 356218, C.S.M., d. 24/12/18.
Whittaker, George, 357570, Pte., k., 11/2/18.
Whyard, Harold Thomas, 356331, Pte., k., 21/9/17.
Wignall, John, 357958, Pte., d., 9/8/17.
Wilbraham, Sydney, 356601, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Williams, John Owen, 357951, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Williams, Noel Griffiths, 356710, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Williams, Robert, 359204, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Williamson, William Henry, 359585, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Wilson, Ronald Bruce, 3617, Pte., k., 28/9/18.
Wilson, William, 358376, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Winstanley, John Thomas, 358330, Pte., k., 31/7/17, M.M.
Winterbottom, Stanley, 358427, Pte., d., 30/11/17.
Wolstenholme, John Henry, 360252, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Wood, John Wilson, 359898, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Wood, Joseph, 358611, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Woosey, Ernest, 359527, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Worthington, Joseph, 358776, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Wren, John, 356040, Sgt., k., 5/10/18.
Wright, Thomas, 87143, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Wynne, Thomas, 358639, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Wyse, Roderick Wynfield, 357910, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Yates, Ernest John Barlow, 360091, Pte., k., 12/4/18.

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Adams, Samuel, 406751, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 290901, North Lancashire Regiment.
Anstiss, Percy, 87830, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 534432, Royal Engineers.
Atkinson, William, 20825, Pte., k., 8/12/17.
Avis, Cecil, 87831, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 2103, Royal Engineers.
Ball, Henry Frederick, 202492, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Bamber, William, 26289, Cpl., k., 21/3/18.
Bamforth, Sydney, 406297, Pte., k., 24/5/18.
Bate, James, 38330, Pte., d., 24/12/17.
Beal, Frederick, 87843, Pte., k., 14/10/17, formerly 145033, Royal Engineers.
Bennett, Michael, 12332, Pte., k., 21/7/17, M.M.
Brook, Percy Augustus, 87776, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 264480, Royal Engineers.
Brown, David Douglas, 235467, Pte., d., 13/5/18, formerly 3502, East Surrey Regiment.
Brown, Walter, 58391, Pte., k., 12/10/17, formerly 29808, Manchester Regiment.
Brown, Andrew James, 406157, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Buckley, Leonard, 24518, Pte., d., 23/12/17.
Burns, Michael, 8095, L/Cpl., k., 23/3/18.
Capon, George William, 88715, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Cassidy, William, 13131, Pte., d., 25/9/17.
Cave, John, 202292, Pte., d., 21/3/18.
Chadwick, William Fred, 201372, Pte., d., 4/5/18.
Collinge, George, 8623, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Connor, Matthew, 26434, Pte., d., 13/8/17.
Cook, Evan, 58374, Cpl., k., 23/3/18, formerly 33430, Manchester Regiment.
Cooper, Harry, 12793, Pte., k., 28/11/17.
Copestake, William, 88610, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 203140, East Surrey Regiment.
Corless, Joseph, 12937, Sgt., k., 21/3/18, M.M.
Cottrell, William, 25917, Pte., k., 21/7/17.
Cowperthwaite, William, 203990, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Cullanhan, Jeremiah, 87850, Pte., k., 23/3/18, formerly 143548, Royal Engineers.
Darley, John Herbert, 58394, Pte., k., 4/10/17, formerly 24959, Manchester Regiment.
Davies, Thomas Steen, 12490, Sgt., k., 23/3/18.
Dempsey, William, 12302, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Dickenson, John, 38343, L/Cpl., k., 21/3/18.
Dixon, Percy Acton, 50914, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Dixon, Victor John, 88616, Pte., d., 22/3/18, formerly 203141, East Surrey Regiment.
Duffy, Patrick, 20600, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Durkin, John, 380155, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 5256, Manchester Regiment.
Eccles, Henry Ernest, 201151, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Edwards, Isaac, 58380, Pte., k., 13/8/17, formerly 37857, Manchester Regiment.
Ellison, John, 53248, Pte., d., 25/10/17, formerly 52627, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Endean, Matthew Mauderson, 87460, Pte., k., 13/10/17, formerly 264304, Royal Engineers.
Entwistle, Benjamin, 56108, Pte., d., 6/11/18, formerly 27343, East Lancashire Regiment.
Evans, Frank, 87462, Pte., k., 16/10/17, formerly 146442 Royal Engineers.
Evison, William, 202563, Pte., d., 1/9/17.

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Eyres, Robert Francis, 90654, Pte., d., 18/7/18.
Fisher, James Arthur, 380911, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Frame, Edward Allen, 28096, Pte., k., 21/7/17, formerly 24281, Manchester Regiment.
Francis, Thomas, 78485, Pte., d., 16/12/17, formerly 185165, Royal Engineers.
Fraser, Hyman, 202360, Sgt., k., 21/3/18.
Fullick, Arthur, 12110, Pte., k., 29/9/17.
Gahagan, Walter, 405240, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Gallagher, Thomas, 307190, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Gant, Ernest, 407020, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 291075, North Lancashire Regiment.
Garvey, James Leonard, 13533, Pte., k., 21/7/17.
Greatorex, Fred, 405239, L/Cpl., k., 21/3/18.
Hankinson, Thomas, 202230, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Harding, Levi Farrington, 87696, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 224606, Royal Engineers.
Hatton, Daniel Lucas, 12930, Pte., d., 18/10/17.
Heald, William Henry, 12408, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Hepburn, Henry, 87748, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 264293, Royal Engineers.
Hetherington, Albert William, 11711, Pte., d.h., 28/1/18.
Heywood, Harry, 26263, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Hill, John, 91926, Pte., d., 4/12/18.
Howard, Henry, 13264, L/Cpl., k., 21/3/18.
Hughes, Arthur, 266699, Pte., k., 4/10/17.
Ingram, John Herbert, 12906, Pte., k., 5/4/18.
Inson, Harry, 201045, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Jackson, Joseph, 20787, Pte., k., 22/8/17.
Johnson, Arthur, 14744, Pte., k., 23/12/17.
Johnson, William, 90655, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Jones, Edwin, 26276, Pte., k., 21/8/17.
Kelly, Percy, 13191, Pte., d., 29/9/17.
Kelso, Hugh, 88720, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Kennedy, Thomas, 12633, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Knose, Robert, 87530, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 264131, Royal Engineers.
Laithwaite, Jonathan, 26470, Pte., k., 21/7/17.
Lambert, Herbert, 90328, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Lavender, Thomas, 10742, Pte., d., 13/8/17.
Lewis, John, 12735, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Linnell, William Henry, 87659, Pte., d., 8/4/18.
Livingstone, Robert, 12347, Pte., k., 18/7/17.
Loftus, Patrick, 20764, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Madican, James, 201499, L/Cpl., k., 21/3/18.
Magill, John, 13045, Pte., d., 18/9/17.
Marsh, Henry, 87715, Pte., d., 4/6/18, formerly 7160, Lincolnshire Regiment.
McConville, Edward, 405426, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 42874, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
McGain, William, 235439, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 7272, North Lancashire Regiment.
McNamara, John, 12916, Pte., d., 8/7/18.
McTrusty, Ernest, 405425, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 24504, East Lancashire Regiment.
Middlebrook, George, 87752, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 177767, Royal Engineers.
Miller, Ernest, 88644, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 33581, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Miller, Henry, 202491, Sgt., d., 28/3/18.
Miller, John, 87551, Pte., k., 8/12/17, formerly 179869, Royal Engineers.
Moorcroft, William, 37013, Pte., d., 5/1/18.
Morgan, David George, 11948, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Mulroy, Thomas, 26959, Pte., d., 28/3/18.
Munden, Frederick James, 87553, Pte., k., 16/12/17, formerly 179873, Royal Engineers.
Murdock, James, 25955, L/Cpl., k., 23/3/18.
Murray, Thomas, 12034, Sgt., d., 27/12/17.
Needham, Donald, 407081, Pte., k., 23/3/18, formerly 291070, North Lancashire Regiment.
Nolan, Stephen, 31348, Pte., d., 10/3/18.
Orridge, Isaac Henry, 88649, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 33659, East Surrey Regiment.
Osborn, George Henry, 87558, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 1980, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Page, George, 235319, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 241843, Yorkshire Regiment.
Parker, Robert, 25497, Cpl., k., 21/3/18, formerly 10595, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
Paterson, Richard Aubrey, 240374, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Pickering, Ernest Henry, 14659, Pte., d., 23/3/18.
Pierce, George, 25899, Pte., k., 20/5/18.
Preston, Joseph, 235167, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 203283, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Price, Alexander, 201230, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Prince, William Bela, 87679, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 216099, Royal Engineers.
Pugh, Walter, 47385, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Rae, Daniel, 25928, A/Sgt., k., 21/3/18.
Rawling, Robert, 405174, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Rice, James, 270149, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Rice, John, 380949, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Ridyard, Walter, 12363, L/Cpl., k., 21/8/17.
Rigby, Joseph, 12853, Pte., d., 21/8/17.
Rimmer, Benjamin, 12268, Pte., d., 23/12/17.
Roberts, William, 380522, Pte., k., 23/3/18, formerly 4354, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Rowlands, John, 12350, L/Cpl., k., 18/11/17.
Rowley, William Edward, 20789, Pte., d., 8/9/17.
Sadler, William, 241215, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Simlo, Ruben, 12990, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Singleton, Joseph, 380884, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Smart, Douglas, 12785, Cpl., k., 18/8/18.
Smith, Edward, 200314, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Smith, Henry Samuel, 87803, Pte., d., 20/6/18, formerly 278255, Royal Engineers.
Smith, William, 18300, Pte., d., 13/9/18.
Smith, William, 87778, Pte., k., 8/10/17, formerly S/7265, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
Snowden, George, 12765, Cpl., k., 23/3/18.
Squire, Clifford John, 87508, Pte., k., 26/12/17, formerly 278924, Royal Engineers.
Strahan, Edward, 46691, Pte., d.h., 11/11/17.
Teague, Walter Edward, 87749, Pte., d., 14/10/17, formerly 299408, Royal Engineers.
Tinsley, Thomas, 20775, Cpl., k., 21/3/18.
Turnock, Wallace, 242165, Pte., k., 8/8/18.
Tysoe, George Frederick, 14485, Pte., k., 4/4/18.
Ward, Arthur Harold, 87364, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 27611, 16th Lancers.
Webster, John, 267144, Pte., k., 4/10/17.
White, Herbert, 496795, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 290832, North Lancashire Regiment.
Williams, Evan Griffith, 18504, Cpl., d., 20/5/18.
Williams, William, 306738, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Williamson, Albert Henry, 87673, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 178963, Royal Engineers.
Willson, George, 405352, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Wilson, Peter, 12158, Pte., d., 6/9/17.
Wood, Arthur, 11469, Pte., k., 13/8/17.

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Abbott, Charles Ronald, 95553, Pte., k., 6/10/18, formerly 30459, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Abraham, Sidney Edward, 51196, Pte., d., 4/5/18, formerly 28409, Norfolk Regiment.
Acheson, George, 89109, L/Cpl., d., 10/7/18, formerly 46858, Manchester Regiment.
Agnew, William, 308131, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Aikman, John Alexander, 20845, Pte., d., 30/7/18.
Ainsworth, Samuel, 50491, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 41854, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Allen, John, 50492, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 19050, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Andrews, Harold Baker, 241707, L/Cpl., d., 25/3/18.
Argent, William Samuel, 350125, Cpl., k., 21/3/18, formerly 1374, Cambridgeshire Regiment.
Ash, Sidney, 305141, Pte., d., 4/4/18.
Ashton, William, 46364, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 44695, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Aspden, Ernest, 56068, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 27388, East Lancashire Regiment.
Astle, James, 368616, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Astley, John, 94212, Pte., k., 2/4/18, formerly 39492, East Lancashire Regiment.
Atkinson, John, 235394, Pte., k., 18/8/17, formerly 5304, East Lancashire Regiment.
Bailey, Thomas Edward, 50300, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 278395, Royal Army Service Corps.
Balmer, John, 12209, Pte., k., 22/1/18.
Barker, Edward, 19333, Pte., d., 30/11/18.
Barlow, Fred, 56101, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 37348, East Lancashire Regiment.
Barnet, John, 306470, Pte., k., 26/9/18.
Barnett, Henry William, 95205, Pte., k., 26/7/18, formerly 45361, Worcester Regiment.
Barnfield, Henry John, 20082, Pte., k., 16/8/17, M.M.
Barton, James, 267545, Pte., d., 27/3/18.

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Barton, John James, 268348, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Barton, Jonathan, 325026, Pte., d., 20/11/17, formerly 203665, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Barwise, Robert, 331564, Pte., k., 4/2/18.
Bates, George, 29434, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Bates, Thomas, 268731, Pte., d., 21/1/18, formerly 30448, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
Battersby, Felix, 50484, Pte., d., 8/7/18, formerly 41682, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Baxter, Thomas Pyke, 30501, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly T/4/042969, Royal Army Service Corps.
Bearham, George David, 95270, Pte., d., 2/5/18, formerly 42897, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Belcher, Herbert John, 50299, L/Cpl., d., 25/2/18, formerly T/289732, Royal Army Service Corps.
Bell, James, 85661, Pte., d., 6/12/17, formerly S/290948, Royal Army Service Corps.
Belton, Frank, 86091, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 3585, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.
Belton, Peter, 57284, Pte., d., 6/10/18.
Benson, George Henry, 94224, Pte., k., 21/2/18, formerly 38920, East Lancashire Regiment.
Bernes, James, 17547, L/Cpl., k., 17/8/17.
Berry, Robert, 20101, Pte., k., 8/8/17.
Birkenhead, Thomas, 20884, Pte., d., 21/11/17.
Blackhurst, Henry, 265740, Pte., d., 20/11/17.
Borrows, Thomas, 48572, Pte., d., 3/7/18, formerly 4889, Manchester Regiment.
Bowen, Arthur Marchmont, 268297, Pte, k., 20/11/17.
Brisland, Alexander, 14635, Pte., k., 13/9/17.
Brisland, William, 56142, Pte., d., 20/11/17, formerly 28045, East Lancashire Regiment.
Britton, Henry, 203619, Pte., d., 23/1/18.
Brockbank, Andrew, 93573, Pte., k., 25/3/18.
Brown, Alfred, 20109, Cpl., k., 16/8/17, M.M.
Brown, William Henry, 20094, Pte., d., 31/3/18.
Brown, William Henry, 20113, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Broxton, William, 20126, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Budworth, Richard, 39411, Pte., d., 14/9/18.
Bullen, Edward, 94223, Pte., k., 2/4/18, formerly 39474, East Lancashire Regiment.
Burns, Alexander, 47715, Pte., k., 13/2/18.
Burns, Edward, 14326, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Burrows, Frederick, 87388, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 19840, 5th Lancers.
Butcher, Richard, 50298, Pte., d., 8/11/18, formerly 1820, Royal Army Service Corps.
Butterworth, Joseph S., 38876, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Byard, Francis Spencer, 88607, Pte., d., 24/3/18, formerly 8360, Gloucestershire Regiment.
Bygrave, James Barnard, 268628, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Cain, Philip, 14603, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Campbell, Victor, 50310, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly T/4/142940, Royal Army Service Corps.
Carr, Charles William, 242855, Pte., d., 21/12/17.
Carrington, Noel, 93765, Pte., d., 15/5/18.
Cavanagh, Frederick, 332323, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Chadwick, Bernard, 50499, Pte., k., 26/8/17, formerly 18426, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Chambers, John Edward, 95279, Pte., k., 23/7/18, formerly 48813, Manchester Regiment.
Chantler, Joseph Charles, 84590, Pte., d., 10/12/17.
Chapman, Stanley, 265698, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Charles, George, 14783, L/Cpl., d., 21/12/17.
Churcher, Leonard Edwin 50315, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly T/8/292934, Royal Army Service Corps.
Clark, Joseph, 268631, Pte., k., 10/11/17.
Clarke, Albert George, 50314, Pte., k., 17/8/17, formerly T/4/107079, Royal Army Service Corps.
Clegg, Thomas, 95274, Pte., d., 26/7/18, formerly 2905, Manchester Regiment.
Cody, George, 269571, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Colligan, Robert, 240349, Pte., k., 22/1/18.
Connor, Martin, 332016, Pte., d., 20/11/17.
Cook, Walter James Stracey, 268734, Pte., d., 27/11/17, formerly 2301, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
Cork, Frank Lovat, 8260, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Cotter, Thomas, 86040, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Coupe, Harry Heyes, 50503, Pte., d., 25/4/18.
Cousins, Harold, 39463, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Crawford, Charles Stewart, 50313, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 6401, Royal Army Service Corps.
Critchley, Percy, 18185, Sgt., k., 26/3/18.
Crook, Alfred, 94227, Sgt., k., 8/5/18, formerly 28520, East Lancashire Regiment.
Cropper, Walter, 242046, L/Cpl., k., 2/4/18.
Crossley, William, 14407, Sgt., d., 14/4/18.
Crow, Arthur Austin, 18921, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Crowe, Albert, 94230, Pte., k., 2/4/18, formerly 39590, East Lancashire Regiment.
Cunningham, John, 26795, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Currah, Thomas, 47226, Pte., k., 2/4/18
Currie, James, 52970, Pte., k., 23/3/18, formerly 4240, Manchester Regiment.
Damms, Lawrence, 49714, Pte., k., 7/6/18, formerly 10976, W. Riding Regiment.
Davies, James, 20189, Pte., k., 18/9/17.
Davies, Charles Henry, 44531, Pte., d., 6/10/17, formerly 50434, Welch Regiment.
Davies, James Harold, 332354, Pte., d., 27/3/18.
Davies, John Thomas, 268618, Pte., d., 25/8/18.
Dawson, James Henry, 50316, Pte., k., 17/8/17, formerly 14/084390, Royal Army Service Corps.
Develin, Thomas, 27761, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Dicken, Arthur, 242093, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Dixon, George Henry, 50319, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly T/4/276314, Royal Army Service Corps.
Dodd, Albert, 24284, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Dorsett, Edward Frank, 50317, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly T/4/015891, Royal Army Service Corps.
Downey, Andrew, 18842, L/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Downs, Harold, 268742, Sgt., k., 30/11/17, formerly 210086, Cheshire Yeomanry.
Drennan, Francis Frederick, 93776, Pte., d., 16/8/18.
Duffy, Arthur Willis, 95577, Pte., k., 6/10/18.
Dunn, Walker, 243752, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Easthope, Harry, 204645, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Eaton, Daniel, 11440, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Edis, Frederick Leslie, 14771, Pte., d., 22/11/17.
Edwards, Robert, 31303, Pte., k., 16/8/17, M.M.
Entwistle, John Thomas, 202769, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Evans, John James, 201636, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Fairhurst, Joshua, 41187, Pte., k., 17/8/17, formerly 137198, Royal Field Artillery.
Farrimond, Richard, 27012, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Farrow, Edward, 91022, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Fearan, Edwin, 300011, Cpl., k., 5/10/18.
Feighney, Peter, 308341, Pte., d., 3/12/17, formerly 4524, Manchester Regiment.
Finn, Edward, 48844, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Fletcher, Percy, 50508, Pte., d., 17/9/17, formerly 41840, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Flint, Douglas, 42245, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Flood, Joseph Henry, 201966, Pte., k., 25/3/18.
Foy, John Rigby, 86061, Pte., d., 2/6/18.
Francis, Arthur, 268262, Pte., d., 17/4/18.
Fraser, William Cameron, 57544, Cpl., d., 21/11/17, formerly 1199, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Fuller, William John, 50326, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly T/4/056498, Royal Army Service Corps.
Fullwood, Frederick, 50327, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly T/4/233129, Royal Army Service Corps.
Gaffney, Edward, 202720, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Gallagher, James, 48647, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 5152, Manchester Regiment.
Gee, John, 96241, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Gelling, Robert Edward, 84602, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Gill, Clifford William, 86002, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 3999, Sussex Yeomanry.
Gillings, John William, 87344, Pte., d., 21/12/17, formerly 16572, 1st Reserve Cavalry Regiment.
Gorman, George, 235404, Cpl., k., 18/8/17, formerly 265015, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Gornall, William, 235405, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 265576, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Goth, Richard. 31665, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Gould, Walter, 202510, L/Cpl., k., 26/7/18.
Green, George Edgar, 20236, L/Sgt., k., 16/8/17.
Green, Stephen, 95776, Pte., k., 7/6/18.
Greenfield, John Bertie, 41663, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Gregson, Albert, 23226, Sgt., k., 21/3/18.
Grice, Robert, 18203, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Grimes, William, 9263, C.S.M., k., 30/11/17.
Guffogg, William Sykes, 95288, Pte., k., 30/6/18, formerly 45013, Yorkshire Regiment.
Hall, Alfred George, 86051, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Hall, John, 268720, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 18328, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
Hamilton, James, 24881, Sgt., k., 2/4/18.
Hammell, Joseph, 48854, Pte., k., 12/9/17.
Hankey, William, 330643, Pte., k., 20/11/17, M.M.
Harden, Ernest, 14581, Sgt., k., 17/8/17.
Hardman, Arthur, 50453, L/Cpl., k., 16/8/17, formerly
Harold, Eugene, 204601, Pte., d., 5/10/18.
Harrison, Frederick, 14258, Pte., k., 17/9/17.
Harrison, James Stanley, 203579, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Harwood, William Henry, 54273, Pte., d., 4/4/18.
Hawkins, William, 59209, Cpl., d., 30/6/18, formerly 20739, Manchester Regiment, M.M.
Haydock, William, 39446, Pte., k., 16/8/17.

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Hayes, James, 12880, Sgt., k., 16/8/17.
Hazzard, Joseph, 87343, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 11419, 9th Lancers.
Healey, Ernest, 203606, Pte., d., 30/3/18.
Hesketh, William, 87293, Pte., k., 11/5/18.
Higgins, Martin, 88030, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 11456, West Yorkshire Regiment.
Hilditch, Samuel Thomas, 50345, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 293542, Royal Army Service Corps.
Hill, Alfred, 18204, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Hinchcliffe, Fred, 48626, L/Sgt., k., 30/11/17, M.M.
Hitchen, Samuel, 50466, L/Cpl., k., 26/7/18, formerly 35068, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Hogan, James, 50344, Pte., Pte., d., 2/12/17, formerly 293514, Royal Army Service Corps.
Holdsworth, Joseph, 87390, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 24520, 12th Lancers.
Holt, George, 50517, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 18041, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Hourihan, Charles, 13685, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Howarth, John William, 56149, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 25260, East Lancashire Regiment.
Howard, Robert, 12171, Pte., k., 16/9/18.
Howard, William, 48805, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Hudson, Stanley, 13578, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Hughes, Albert, 203596, Pte., k., 25/3/18.
Hunt, James Henry, 11939, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Hyde, Russell, 106810, Pte., d.h., 22/11/18.
Ireland, Richard, 268705, Pte., k., 4/2/18.
Irving, James, 14850, Sgt., k., 30/11/17.
Jackson, Jack, 48053, d., Cpl., 17/8/17, formerly 5459, Manchester Regiment.
Jackman, Robert George, 88738, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 5460, Durham Light Infantry.
Jamieson, Alexander, 12531, Cpl., d., 26/3/18.
Jenkinson, John Dennis, 90707, Pte., d., 25/11/17.
John, James Harold, 50350, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 278053, Royal Army Service Corps.
Johns, William Valentine, 26747, Pte., d., 21/11/17.
Johnson, Joseph, 95797, Pte., d., 4/10/18.
Johnson, Thomas, 50351, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly T/294457, Royal Army Service Corps.
Johnson, William, 48846, Cpl., k., 16/8/17.
Johnson, William, 268655, Pte., k., 8/4/18.
Johnson, Donald McLean, 268724, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 3026, Lovat Scouts.
Jones, Owen Thomas, 30057, Pte., k., 15/9/17.
Joyce, John, 18017, Cpl., k., 20/11/17.
Kay, Horace, 38839, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Kearns, John Patrick, 48898, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Keel, William, 50523, Pte., k., 18/8/17.
Keenan, James, 18144, Cpl., d., 18/8/17.
Kelly, John, 48899, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Kennedy, Ernest, 45799, Pte., k., 1/10/18.
Kennedy, Frederick, 24567, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Keough, Patrick Thomas, 204238, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Kinrade, William, 41928, Pte., d., 17/8/17.
Kirk, Albert Charles, 48450, Pte., d., 2/12/17.
Knipe, George, 203608, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Knox, John, 29559, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Lacey, John Noble, 267335, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Lea, Roger, 14754, L/Cpl., d., 12/9/17.
Leckie, George, 20678, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Lee, Thomas, 14600, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Lefever, Albert, 350089, Pte., k., 2/4/18, formerly 2779, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Lennon, John, 14721, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Leonard, Henry Francis Du Jardine, 86067, L/Cpl., d., 25/11/17, formerly 3494, Sussex Yeomanry.
Lethbridge, Percy, 32682, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Lever, Thomas Percival, 242007, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Lewis, Arthur, 202247, Pte , k., 30/11/17.
Lill, Frederick Walter, 36425, Pte., k. 24/3/18.
Lloyd, Hugh Gregson, 48902, Pte., k., 17/9/17.
Lloyd, Robert Charles, 38148, Pte., d., 14/7/17.
Lloyd, Thomas, 41609, Pte., d., 3/7/17.
Locke, George, 38165, Pte., d., 2/10/18.
Locke, George, 20410, Pte., d.h., 15/1/18.
Long, George, 38165, Ptd., d., 2/10/18.
Lowe, Henry, 18881, C.S.M., k., 18/8/17.
Lunt, Norman Douglas, 48901, L/Cpl., d., 16/1/18.
Lycett, Richard, 18207, Pte., d., 27/3/18.
MacLean, Hugh Hunter, 40277, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Maddock, Joseph, 39480, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Makinson, James, 18122, C.Q.M.S., k., 22/3/18.
Mann, Frederick, 18463, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Mantle, Michael James, 108314, Pte., d., 26/7/18.
Marchbank, Robert B., 18175, Pte., d., 18/8/17.
Marley, Frank Paul, 50360, Pte., k., 17/8/17, formerly T/4/064764, Royal Army Service Corps
Marsh, Charles Alfred, 93857, Pte., k., 25/8/18.
Marsh, Robert, 243803, Pte., k., 21/1/18.
Martin, George, 265841, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Martin, George Richard, 268750, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 31148, Bedford Yeomanry.
McCallion, Frederick Campbell, 38945, A/Cpl., k., 20/11/17
McCudden, James, 42760, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
McDonald, Joseph, 50527, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 41609, Lancashire Fusiliers.
McGlashan, William, 268121, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
McLaughlin, Stephen, 202057, Pte., d., 18/8/17.
Medlow, Arthur John, 268722, Pte., k., 25/11/17, formerly 30578, Bedford Yeomanry.
Micklethwaite, Allan, 86261, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 17628, Army Cyclist Corps.
Miller, Francis C., 268620, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Milward, Thomas, 37403, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Mitchell, Charles, 24757, Sgt., d., 19/12/17.
Mitchell, William George, 201159, Pte., d., 27/3/18.
Moffitt, John, 19341, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Moore, Daniel, 14533, Pte., d., 26/7/18.
Moore, John, 14648, L/Cpl., k., 17/9/17.
Morris, William, 41222, Pte., k,m 30/11/17, formerly 13658, Royal Field Artillery.
Morrison, Robert, 242536, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Mortimer, Harry, 268751, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 1565, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
Moseley, Edwin Rowley, 86079, Pte., d., 7/12/17, formerly 9041, Cambridgeshire Regiment.
Mulhearn, Joseph Patrick, 265280, Pte., d., 27/3/18.
Newsham, Herbert, 235423, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 266640, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Nicholson, Percy, 18252, L/Cpl., k., 16/8/17.
Nightingale, Benjamin Waugh, 50534, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 41856, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Nixon, Anderson, 204120, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Noyes, Alick, 19666, Pte., d., 19/8/17.
Oakes, Charles Percy, 87975, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
O'Brien, Michael, 90719, Pte., d., 2/5/18.
O'Donnell, Richard, 268191, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
O'Neill, John Joseph, 204129, Pte., d., 21/3/18.
Palin, Alfred, 20346, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Parkes, Arthur, 93863, Pte., k., 7/6/18.
Parry, William, 14770, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Paton, Peter, 42496, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Peckett, Richard Frank, 50535, Pte., d., 10/8/17, formerly 12678, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Pegg, Edwin, 19502, Pte., d., 24/3/18.
Pendleton, Charles, 16677, Cpl., k., 13/2/18.
Pogson, Harry, 87379, Pte., d., 21/11/17, formerly 24747, 9th Lancers.
Pollock, Archibald, 50368, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly T/291032, Royal Army Service Corps.
Powers, Edward Joseph, 307316, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Precott, James Ross, 269430, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Procter, John, 1195, Pte., d., 15/7/18.
Proctor, Benjamin Chadwick, 93875, Pte., k., 23/5/18
Radcliffe, John, 50537, Pte., d., 17/8/17
Radford, William Henry, 48827, Pte. k. 20/11/17.
Ratcliffe, John Joseph, 12426, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Read, Harold Ambrose, 331466, Cpl., d., 7/8/18.M.M.
Read, Thomas, 13366, Pte., k., 25/3/18.
Revera, Robert Campbell, 202309, Pte., k., 24/3/18
Richards, George, 26737, Sgt., k., 16/8/17.
Rikcett, Albert, 268759, Pte., d., 25/11/17, formerly 2405, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
Rigby, George H., 30482, Pte., d. of w., 28/9/17.
Rimmer, Walter, 48833, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Ritch, George, 203576, Pte., k., 25/11/17.
Ritson, Thomas Benn, 44751, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Roach, Michael, 8974, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Roberts, Herbert, 203598, Pte., d., 26/3/18.
Roberts, John, 39108, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Robson, Christopher, 48565, Cpl., k., 16/8/17, formerly 1057, Manchester Regiment.
Rogers, James, 203597, Pte., k., 9/1/18.
Rosney, Jack, 50691, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 24945, East Lancashire Regiment.
Routh, John Henry, 260084, Cpl., d., 22/11/17, formerly 302900, Durham Light Infantry.
Royle, John, 48604, L/Cpl., k., 2/4/18, formerly 4404, Manchester Regiment.
Rushton, Horace, 50372, Pte., k., 16/8/17, formerly 293651, Royal Army Service Corps.
Russell, Percy Arthur, 88041, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 32663, Royal Army Service Corps.
Ryan, Thomas, 14857, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Sawyer, James William, 25462, Pte., k., 17/8/17.
Sayce, John, 268113, Pte., d., 10/1/19.
Schofield, Albert, 202605, Pte., k., 9/1/18.

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Scott, William, 268347, Pte., d., 13/1/19.
Sears, Edward, 50458, Pte., k., 12/9/17, formerly T/4/060712, Royal Army Service Corps.
Sharp, Herbert, 18344, Pte., d., 7/10/18.
Sharpe, Joseph, 50542, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 18417, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Sharrocks, Ernest Hill, 50541, Pte., k., 16/9/17, formerly 19089, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Shaw, Malcolm, 82910, Pte., d., 26/7/18, formerly 39625, East Lancashire Regiment.
Simmons, William Francis, 48333, L/Cpl., d., 19/1/18.
Simonds, Montague Charles, 86073, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 1641, Sussex Yeomanry.
Skelton, John Thomas, 268207, Pte., d., 13/3/18.
Slater, Ernest, 56097, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 37491, East Lancashire Regiment.
Smith, Arthur Frederick, 97392, Pte., d., 3/12/17, formerly 24946, 12th Lancers.
Smith, John, 11285, Pte., d., 2/6/18.
Smith, John, 201281, L/Cpl., k., 2/4/18.
Smith, Joseph Atkinson, 86190, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 4261, Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons.
Smith, Josiah, 50544, Pte., k., 17/8/17, formerly 41703 Lancashire Fusiliers.
Smith, Suter, 202923, Pte., k., 17/8/17.
Smith, Thomas, 19936, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Snowden, Walter, 13984, L/Cpl., d., 16/8/17.
Stevens, Thomas Frederick, 50545, Pte., k., 2/4/18 formerly 41747, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Stone, George, 200154, Pte., d., 10/10/18.
Strettle, Edward, 16553, Sgt., d., 17/2/18.
Sumner, Albert, 49653, Pte., d., 22/11/17.
Sutcliffe, John, 13847, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Sutton, Joseph, 13226, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Sutton, Robert James, 14871, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Taggart, William Richard, 34987, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Tarling, George Berly, 87385, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 18966, 21st Lancers.
Taylor, James Frank, 203828, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Taylor, Samuel, 50488, Pte , k., 20/11/17, formerly 41566, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Taylor, William Anthony, 203040, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Taylor, William Thomas, 50461, Pte., k., 16/8/17.
Tetlow, Frank, 48618, Pte., d., 20/8/17, formerly 4528, Manchester Regiment.
Thompson, Frank, 235413, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 3130, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Thompson, Thomas, 48190, Pte., d., 26/10/17.
Thomson, Albert Edward, 88665, Pte., k., 2/4/18, formerly 20298, Suffolk Regiment.
Thurlow, Alfred, 25184, Pte., k., 15/8/18.
Tomlinson, George Stanley, 50489, Pte., k., 15/9/17, formerly 41534, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Tomlinson, Herbert, 18205, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Townsend, Edward, 13798, A/Cpl., k., 30/11/17.
Townsend, George, 25397, L/Cpl., k., 26/7/18.
Truster, Hubert, 90693, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Turner, William, 86259, Pte., d., 22/11/17, formerly 17623, Army Cyclist Corps.
Varley, Robert, 23420, Pte., k., 30/11/17.
Walker, Richard, 50549, Pte., d., 25/11/17, formerly 41483, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Walker, William, 49824, Pte., k., 20/11/17, formerly 16947, West Riding Regiment.
Wallace, Andrew, 202562, Pte., d., 3/7/18.
Walmsley, Walter, 26436, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Walsh, John, 26415, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Walsh, Thomas, 18293, L/Sgt., k., 30/11/17.
Ward, Walter, 57616, Pte., d., 29/11/17.
Waring, William, 266647, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
Warner, Charles, 87404, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 24632, 12th Lancers.
Waters, Ernest Henry, 50463, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly T/2/13132, Royal Army Service Corps.
Watkinson, John Arnold, 31551, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Wennestrand, Edward, 29206, Pte., k., 2/4/18.
West, Henry, 86117, Pte., d., 1/12/17, formerly 4950, City of London Yeomanry.
Whitehead, Abraham, 23602, L/Cpl., d., 28/8/17.
Whitworth, Harold, 95686, Pte., k., 3/10/18.
Williams, Evan, 41252, Pte., k., 17/8/17, formerly 136868, Royal Field Artillery.
Williams, Frederick, 242296, Pte., d., 28/6/18.
Williams, Frederick Ivon, 93904, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Williams, Harry, 17753, A/Cpl., k., 2/4/18.
Williams, Henry Walter, 268730, Pte., d., 25/12/17, formerly 40537, City of London Yeomanry.
Williams, Richard, 95719, Pte., d., 30/5/18.
Williams, Robert, 41791, Pte., k., 17/8/17.
Williams, William Jefferies, 269262, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Wilson, George, 20477, A/Cpl., k., 16/8/17.
Wilson, Harold, 16756, Sgt., k., 20/11/17.
Wilson, John, 12342, Pte., d., 20/8/18.
Wing, William, 204580, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Wolstencroft, Thomas Norris, 243743, Pte., d., 19/12/17.
Woodward, Lawrence Vanner, 54495, Pte., d., 6/12/17, formerly 68802, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Worth, Thomas, 28840, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Wych, John Henry, 95685, Pte., k., 26/7/18.

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Abernethy, James, 105571, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Abraham, Wenmen, 12953, L/Cpl., k., 31/8/18.
Adcock, Edward, 94519, L/Cpl., d., 19/9/18, formerly 60295, Manchester Regiment.
Ainsworth, Jonathan, 87900, Pte., d., 13/12/17
Aird, George Harold, 86791, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Alderson, Harold, 91150, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Allen, Francis, 204285, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Allen, Frank, 87903, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Allin, George, 35347, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Andrews, George, 49561, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Arrowsmith, Joseph B., 91147, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Ashead, Robert, 50703, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Aspinall, James, 108814, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Audley, Percy, 37863, Pte., k., 18/9/18.
Aveis, Walter Albert, 92109, Pte., d., 5/5/18, formerly S/4/030743, Royal Army Service Corps.
Ayers, Stanley, 91152, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Badley, Samuel, 48672, Pte., d., 31/8/18, formerly 49959, Nottingham andDerbyshire Regiment.
Bailey, Thomas, 87904, Pte., d., 23/3/18.
Baker, John Rowland, 235123, Pte., k., 27/9/17, formerly 203469, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Ball, Fred, 91164, Ptd., k., 28/3/18.
Ball, John, 19367, Pte., k., 7/11/17.
Ball, William, 241703, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Ball, William Lionel, 91157, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bannister, Walter Christopher, 95098, Pte., d., 23/12/18, formerly 9924, E. Kent Regiment.
Banks, Thomas, 87908, Pte., k., 18/2/18.
Banks, Thomas, 235125, Pte., k., 7/7/17, formerly 203240, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Barlow, James Henry, 50469, Pte., k., 30/11/17, formerly 24586, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Bartram, Thomas, 94483, Pte., d., 5/7/18, formerly 252581, Manchester Regiment.
Baynes, Ernest, 12375, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Bellis, Thomas, 97051, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Benn, William Ashley, 53903, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Bennett, John George, 39458, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Benson, Richard, 59559, Pte., d., 15/11/18.
Bentley, John William, 34176, Pte., k., 23/8/18.
Berrington, William Fletcher, 49054, Ptd., k., 21/7/17.
Beswick, Arthur, 91174, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 13314, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Billingham, Henry, 91997, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 65346, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Birtwistle, Harry, 91175, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 13317, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Bishop, Henry, 27085, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bishop, Henry John George, 235188, Pte., d., 28/9/17, formerly 17949, East Kent Regiment.
Bispham, William Thomas, 88316, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Black, James Joseph, 14961, Sgt., d., 29/9/17, M.M.
Blackshaw, Harold Joseph, 94525, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 60335, Manchester Regiment.
Blears, William Lomax, 94397, Pte., 6/5/18, formerly 5491, Manchester Regiment.
Bond, William Henry, 269868, Pte., k., 5/7/17.
Boole, Percival Stanley, 201331, Pte., d., 27/4/18.
Booth, Leonard Randolph Budworth, 48632, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 5082, Manchester Regiment.
Bowden, William, 91159, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bowen, Ernest, 44919, Pte., d., 4/9/18, formerly 39407, Welsh Regiment.
Boyce, Edmund, 88685, L/Cpl., k., 31/8/18, formerly 7868, Bedfordshire Regiment.

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Boyd, William McCammon, 57395, Pte., k., 12/9/18, formerly 1064, Lowland Division Cyclist Company.
Boyer, James, 105578, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Bradding, Arthur, 95116, Sgt., k., 27/9/18, formerly 12610, Bedfordshire Regiment.
Bradley, Frank, 29435, L/Cpl., k., 26/9/17.
Brandwood, Harold, 94491, Pte., d., 9/9/18, formerly 59968, Manchester Regiment.
Bray, William James, 42273, Pte., d., 28/9/17.
Bredbury, John, 91166, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Breed, Charles, 24181, Pte., d., 21/7/18.
Bretherton, Richard, 31175, Pte., k., 5/6/18.
Bridgman, Roger, 52907, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Brodie, William Gunning, 48542, Sgt., k., 18/4/18, MM.
Brookes, Francis, 12965, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Brown, John James, 91160, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Brown, Joseph William, 87914, Pte., d., 14/12/17.
Brown, John, 96752, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Brownell, Harry, 305404, Pte., d., 29/9/17.
Buckingham, Albert, 91171, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bull, Henry, 108450, Pte., k., 16/9/18, formerly 8472, London Regiment.
Bullen, Hugh, 39277, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Burgess, Richard, 14271, Pte., d., 14/7/17.
Burns, Andrew, 52238, Pte., k., 16/2/18, formerly 3883, Manchester Regiment.
Burns, William, 95105, Cpl., k., 21/8/18, formerly 16545, Royal Irish Fusiliers, M.M.
Burrows, George Redvers, 107762, Pte., d., 1/10/18.
Butt, John, 203178, Pte., d., 27/8/18.
Burt, George, 57869, Pte., k., 22/8/18, formerly 1280, Northumberland Cyclist Battalion.
Bushell, Herbert Henry, 50424, Pte., k., 22/8/18, formerly 49794, Manchester Regiment.
Butterworth, Fred, 93560, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Campbell, John, 84821, Pte., k., 22/11/17, formerly 24382 5th Lancers.
Campbell, James Charles, 85698, Pte., k., 13/12/17.
Campion, Thomas George, 235138, Pte., k., 12/12/17, formerly 203471, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Cannon, Thomas Arthur, 235127, Pte., k., 12/12/17 formerly 203223, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Cape, Jonathan Hodgson, 53847, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Carey, Harry, Charles Frederick, 58583, L/Sgt., d., 2/7/18
Carlton, James Hart, 91626, Pte., k., 20/10/18.
Carlyle, Robert, 21106, L/Cpl., k., 27/9/18.
Carney, Francis William, 91185, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Carpenter, Sidney, 307851, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Carr, John Jennings, 307068, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Carroll, Thomas, 91183, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Carter, William, 11609, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Carter, Christopher, 332639, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Cavanagh, Martin James, 58691, Pte., k., 20/11/17.
Chadwick, Frank Hooton, 35213, d.h., 30/10/18.
Chandler, Albert Victor, 86445, Pte., d., 23/10/18, formerly 4549, A.C.C.
Chantler, Frederick, 30284, Pte., d., 15/7/18.
Chesters, George, 300535, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 996 Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Chestley, Henry, 91180, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Clarke, William, 17806, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Clarke, William, 87925, Pte., k., 1/6/18.
Clarke, William, 200332, Sgt., k., 27/9/18, M.M.
Clarke, John William, 260274, Pte., k., 11/4/18, flrmerly 301263, Manchester Regiment.
Clay, William Frederick, 51628, Pte., k., 23/9/17, formerly 2670, Manchester Regiment.
Clinch, John, 29219, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Cliffe, Adam, 53783, Pte., d., 3/11/18.
Clowes, Daniel Ralph, 58474, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Cooling, John, 48679, Pte., d., 7/7/17, formerly 51635, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Cooper, John, 13338, L/Cpl., k., 8/10/18.
Cooper, Henry, 25749, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Coe, William Francis, 95115, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 16416, Middlesex Regiment.
Cohen, Isaac, 269677, Pte., d., 4/4/18.
Colderbank, Thomas, 51863, Pte., d., 19/10/18.
Colford, Patrick, 52400, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Collins, Samuel, 235128, Pte., d., 21/4/18, formerly 203472, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Collings, Arthur, 17566, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Colman, Charles, 87922, Pte., k., 13/10/17.
Conde, Charles, 86836, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Conlan, Thomas, 42656, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Connelly, John James, 405969, Pte., d., 20/9/18.
Corlett, Edward, 51810, Sgt., k., 30/4/18, M.M.
Cornes, Harry, 235129, Pte., k., 7/7/17, formerly 37573, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Cornwell, John, 87919, L/Cpl., d., 25/9/17.
Corrigan, Frank, 27335, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Corrin, Wilfred J., 47211, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Costain, John Frederick, 91189, Pte., k., 12/3/18.
Cottrell, Arthur, 17804, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Covill, Herbert, 48659, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Craggill, Alexander, 91188, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Crane, Lawrence, 87871, Pte., k., 24/11/17.
Cretney, Joseph Douglas, 381129, Pte., k., 1/5/18.
Crook, Thomas, 29177, Pte., k., 22/8/18.
Crook, Walter, 260269, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 303437, Manchester Regiment.
Crooks, James, 13903, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Crosbie, John, 12259, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Culshaw, Joseph, 53168, Pte., d., 30/9/17.
Cummings, John Joseph, 38058, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Curphey, John, 91176, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Davenport, Joseph, 105425, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Davies, Edward Vincent, 32726, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Davies, George Henry, 26793, Pte., k., 23/8/18.
Davies, Gilbert, 260276, Pte., d., 13/4/18, formerly 351676, Manchester Regiment.
Davies, John, 87927, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Davies, William, 91821, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Dawson, William James, 241202, Cpl., k., 8/10/18, M.M.
Dean, Fred, 94532, Pte., k., 22/8/18.
Dean, Lancelot, 15224, Pte., k., 4/10/18.
Dearden, Tom, 25443, L/Cpl., d., 31/8/17.
Dickinson, John, 241342, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Dixon, Henry Hirdy, 72712, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Dobb, Arthur Thomas, 88870, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Dodd, Bertie Pryce, 54405, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Dodd, William, 31618, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Dorrian, John, 95006, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 23339, Royal Irish Fusiliers.
Drabble, Percy, 235141, Pte., d., 12/12/17, formerly 203292, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Duffield, George, 95126, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 25680, Norfolk Regiment.
Earnshaw, Harry, 268953, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Eaton, Fred, 48934, Sgt., k., 28/3/18, formerly 27740, East Lancashire Regiment.
Edmunds, Arthur, 16803, Pte., d., 21/12/17.
Edwards, Thomas Stewart, 21868, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Egan, John, 42265, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Ekers, William Stanley, 91178, Pte., d., 9/3/18.
Elliot, James, 87930, Pte., d., 1/5/18.
Elliott, John Moorhead, 270128, Pte., k., 26/9/17.
Ellis, Leonard, 87931, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Empson, Arthur, 48700, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18, formerly 46949, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Engledow, Cecil Leslie, 260326, Pte., k., 21/8 18, formerly 320324, Norfolk Yeomanry.
Fairhurst, William, 200863, Pte., k., 5/6/18.
Fallon, Percy Arthur, 85747, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Farrell, Thomas, 95081, L/Cpl., k., 27/9/18, formerly 10620, Royal Irish Rifles.
Fazackerley, Arthur, 267254, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Finch, James, 49249, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 19816, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Finn, Walter, 94415, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 6779, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
Finney, James, 91199, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Firth, Walter, 48711, Pte., k., 31/10/17, formerly 49967, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Flanagan, Gilbert, 91598, Pte., k., 23/10/18.
Foale, John Clifford, 5311 , Pte., k., 8/2/18, formerly G/10/20449, East Surrey Regiment.
Folkard, Alfred, 24241, Sgt., k., 28/3/18.
Follett, John, 49385, Pte., k., 22/11/17.
Ford, Albert Edward, 95141, Pte., d., 14/7/18, formerly 9512, Norfolk Regiment.
Ford, William Henry, 49998, Pte., d., 15/7/18, formerly 35793, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Formby, Joseph, 331347, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Forshaw, John, 30933, Pte., k., 15/9/18.
Forshaw, Joseph, 12503, L/Cpl., k., 31/8/18.
Forster, Ernest, 202718, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Forster, Herbert, 42610, Sgt., k., 8/10/18, M.M.
Fortey, Frank, 49649, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Foster, Jacon, 27931, Pte., k., 18/6/18.
Foster, Cecil William, 95588, Pte., d., 8/7/18.
Foster, Thomas Francis, 95586, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Foster, William George, 24391, Pte., d., 3/9/18.
Fox, John, 95161, Pte., k., 10/4/18, formerly 242242, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Francis, Edward, 28586, Pte., d., 31/10/17.
Fuller, Christopher, 56080, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 27495, East Lancashire Regiment.
Gamble, Samuel Rutherford, 57116, Pte., d., 28/6/18, formerly 2437, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.

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Gandy, Thomas, 38889, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Garratt, William, 10324, Pte., k., 16/4/18, formerly 330747, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Garvey, Thomas, 58271, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Gate, Robert Blamire, 91207, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Gell, Charles Frederick, 87504, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 179002, Royal Engineers.
George, William, 50392, Pte., k., 19/8/17, formerly 39188 Manchester Regiment.
Gibbs, Herbert James, 53947, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Gill, Richard Frederick, 42725, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
Gill, William, 51188, Pte., k., 24/10/18, M.M.
Gittins, Edward Herbert, 23008, Cpl., k., 12/12/17.
Glassman, Abe, 22092, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Goddard, Arthur Henry, 91306, Sgt., d., 31/10/18.
Gordon, William, 267576, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Gould, Philip Leslie, 94107, Pte., d., 11/10/18.
Gouldstone, Edwin Harold, 48550, Sgt., d., 23/6/18.
Gray, William Thomas, 30225, L/Cpl., k., 8/10/18.
Green, Charles Melbourne, 91205, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Greenbank, John Thomas, 85266, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 23030, North Lancashire Regiment.
Greenhalgh, George N. W., 48965, Pte., k., 25/9/17, formerly 26230, East Lancashire Regiment.
Greenwood, Roland, 268539, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 3866, Manchester Regiment.
Griffiths, William, 25822, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Grimsdick, Thomas, 91308, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Grindley, Frederick Charles, 59067, L/Cpl., k., 23/8/18, M.M.
Guest, Fred, 105580, Pte., d., 19/9/18.
Goodall, Richard, 92099, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly S/4/035970, Royal Army Service Corps.
Hackley, William, 90917, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Halliday, Job., 58631, Pte., d.h., 5/10/17.
Hall, Ernest, 85889, Pte., k., 13/10/17, formerly 18955, 12th Lancers.
Hall, Jesse Willie, 95128, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 6609, Norfolk Regiment.
Halsall, James, 41957, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Halsall, Robert, 38813, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Halton, William, 42978, L/Cpl., k., 1/6/18.
Hamey, James Thomas, 87764, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 217648, Royal Engineers.
Handley, Alfred, 31883, Pte., k., 16/10/17.
Handley, Sidney Harold, 235070, Pte., k., 23/10/18, formerly 19063, Suffolk Regiment.
Harley, Joseph William, 53944, Pte., k., 23/9/18.
Harper, Frank, 14463, Pte., 27/9/17.
Harper, Joseph Henry, 50346, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly T/4/251349 Royal Army Service Corps.
Harrison, Arthur, 49877, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 27359, East Lancashire Regiment.
Harrison, Henry, 91319, Pte., d., 31/8/18, formerly 39006, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Harrison, Robert, 68911, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly R/4/090068, Royal Army Service Corps.
Harvey, Joseph William, 95127, Pte., k., 23/7/18, formerly 14180, Norfolk Regiment.
Hassey, George, 204764, Pte., k., 22/8/18, formerly 3877, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Hastie, William Dennis, 25267, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Hawthornthwaite, Wilfred, 86256, Pte., d., 20/11/17, formerly 1764, Army Cyclist Corps.
Hayes, William, 21166, L/Cpl., k., 31/8/18.
Hayes, William, 87674, Pte., k., 28/1/18, formerly 330229, Royal Engineers.
Heys, John Herbert, 94262, Pte., k., 18/6/18, formerly 38954, East Lancashire Regiment.
Heys, Joshua, 88198, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 265190, South Lancashire Regiment.
Hilton, William, 17381, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Hinde, Alfred, 260288, Pte., k., 12/4/18, formerly 376045, Manchester Regiment.
Hinds, Stanley Austin, 48722, L/Cpl., k., 30/9/17, formerly 47511, Nottighamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Hitch, James William, 94426, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Hitchen, Richard, 94501, Pte., k., 9/4/18.
Hoban, William, 31424, Pte., d., 26/9/17.
Hodge, William, 59481, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Hodgson, John William, 95163, Pte., k., 18/4/18, formerly 14406, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Hogbin, Walter James, 94423, Pte., d., 26/8/18, formerly 178520, Royal Field Artillery.
Holland, Joseph, 108732, Pte., d.h., 22/4/19.
Holley, Henry Herbert, 266607, Pte., d., 24/3/18.
Holliday, Alfred, 19156, Sgt., k., 12/12/17.
Holt, Hartley, 91645, Pte., d., 23/8/18.
Holt, Richard, 18441, Pte., k., 14/10/17.
Homan, John, 94502, Pte., d., 10/4/18, formerly 59756, Manchester Regiment.
Hooley, Peter, 87942, Pte., d., 5/4/18.
Hoopel, Percy, 15797, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Houghton, Arthur, 97229, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Houghton, Thomas, 97055, L/Cpl., k., 8/10/18.
Hoult, Albert, 20031, Pte., k., 28/9/17.
Howard, George, 85756, Pte., d., 17/2/18.
Howarth, William, 25153, C.S.M., k., 27/9/18.
Howlett, John Patrick, 95066, Pte., d., 28/4/18, formerly 10372, Royal Irish Rifles.
Hughes, Francis, 12097, Pte., d., 4/7/18.
Hughes, Griffith, 41102, Pte., k., 3/10/18, formerly 136871, Royal Field Artillery.
Hughes, Hugh, 52368, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Hughes, Robert, 9973, Pte., d., 14/7/18.
Hughes, William, 57420, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 15261, Army Cyclist Corps.
Humphreys, John Edward, 17355, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Hunt, Robert, 52113, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 2195, Manchester Regiment.
Hunt, Sidney, 18211, Pte., k., 14/12/17.
Hurd, George, 48725, L/Cpl., k., 10/4/18, formerly 49972, Notts & Derby Regiment.
Hursthouse, Henry, 48721, Pte., k., 12/12/17, formerly 47046, Notts & Derby Regiment.
Ince, James, 235183, Cpl., k., 23/9/17, formerly 3011, North Staffs Regiment.
Inskeep, Cecil James, 10752, Sgt., 23/9/17.
Jackson, Andrew, 105426, Pte., k., 19/5/18.
Jackson, John, 235159, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 37543, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Jagger, Harry, 49752, Pte., d., 1/4/18, formerly 30525, West Riding Regiment.
James, John, 85073, Pte., d., 29/3/18, formerly 24660, 17th Lancers.
Jamieson, David, 42866, Pte., k., 8/2/18.
Jenkins, Griffith Thomas, 43637, Pte., k., 7/7/17, formerly 36698, Soqth Wales Borderers.
Johnson, John Henry, 90872, Pte., d.h., 9/11/18.
Jones, Alfred, 53799, Pte., d., 15/10/18.
Jones, William John, 87465, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 277015, Royal Engineers.
Jones, Meredith, 20434, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 71734, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Jones, Percy A., 87950, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Jones, Philip Ewart, 87907, Pte., d., 14/12/17.
Kayley, John Stephen, 97226, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Kavanagh, Lawrence Michael, 58602, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Kaye, William, 49355, Pte., d., 23/8/18.
Kelly, Herbert, 30534, Pte., k., 17/7/17.
Kelly, Thomas, 19756, Pte., d., 17/11/18.
Kennedy, James, 331667, Pte., k., 29/8/17.
Kennedy, William Henry, 268034, Pte., d., 11/4/18.
King, Henry, 94436, Cpl., k., 22/8/18.
Kinnish, James, 21156, L/Cpl., k., 18/6/18.
Kirkbride, William, 268612, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Kirwen, William, 32425, Pte., d., 9/7/17.
Knowles, James, 268414, Pte., d., 3/6/18, formerly 4231, Manchester Regiment.
Lacey, Charles, 85646, Pte., k., 22/9/18.
Laffan, John, 260257, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Lamb, James, 64956, Pte., k., 3/10/18.
Lappin, James Dixon, 60808, Pte., k.,28/18, formerly 31299, Durham Light Infantry.
Lea, Elias, 260299, Pte., d., 18/4/18, formerly 200387, Manchester Regiment.
Lea, John, 34837, Pte., d., 16/8/17.
Lee, Charles, 48739, Pte., k., 5/8/17, formerly 25504, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Lee, George Edward, 51700, Pte., d., 28/3/18.
Lee, Harry, 94541, Pte., k., 14/4/18, formerly 60347, Manchester Regiment.
Lee, Tom, 260295, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 350004, Manchester Regiment.
Leech, Stanley Regiment, 94439, Pte., k., 14/4/18.
Legg, Tom, 91310, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 38744, Warwickshire Regiment.
Leigh, Harry, 17637, Pte., d., 28/8/18.
Levezuk, Peter, 95140, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 34490, Norfolk Regiment.
Lewis, Richard John, 20657, Sgt., k., 28/3/18.
Lewis, William, 105332, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Lewtas, John, 306188, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Leyland, John Stephen, 88800, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
List, George Herbert, 86252, Pte., d., 22/12/17, formerly 1706, Army Cyclist Corps.
Livesley, Richard, 267636, Pte., d., 13/4/18.
Livesey, William, 105335, Pte., k., 27/9/18.

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Llewellyn, Thomas, 53780, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Lloyd, James, 384126, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Lockett, Harold, 94629, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 44214, South Lancashire Regiment.
Logan, William, 31805, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
London, Samuel, 95129, Pte., k., 21/7/18, formerly 17219, Norfolk Regiment.
Longworth, John, 87960, Pte., d., 17/2/18.
Lowe, James, 267451, Cpl., k., 8/6/18.
Lowe, Ralph, 23597, Pte., k., 17/7/17.
Lowe, William, 14091, Pte., d., 12/10/17.
Lumb, Clifford, 50778. Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Lunt, Arthur, 105399, Pte., d., 9/10/18.
Lyon, Joseph, 42326, Pte., d., 22/8/18.
Lyon, Robert Long, 20859, Pte., d., 16/12/17.
Macdiarmid, Arthur, 17892, L/Sgt., k., 8/10/18.
Maddocks, Joseph, 90894, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Maddocks, Richard, 90895, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Maher, George, 8812, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Maher, Thomas, 47239, L/Sgt., k., 28/3/18.
Main, Jesse, 92333, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Malins, Bert, 91316, Pte., d., 15/4/18, formerly 39000, Warwickshire Regiment.
Mallinson, Frank, 260304, Pte., k., 3/5/18, formerly 3371, Manchester Regiment.
Maloney, John, 260300, Sgt., d., 11/9/18, formerly 4132, East Lancashire Regiment.
Mann, Harold, 51850, Pte., k., 8/2/18.
Marrienburg, Abraham, 87967, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Marks, Jacks, 48743, Pte., k., 12/11/17, formerly 49702, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Marron, Thomas, 51652, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Marsden, Norman, 31769, Pte., k., 28/8/17.
Martland, James, 94300, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 39304, East Lancashire Regiment.
Massey, George Edward, 17655, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Massey, Thomas Philip, 21705, Sgt., k., 31/8/18.
Matthews, Frederick Arthur, 48749, Pte., k., 28/9/17, formerly 25942, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Matthews, Harry, 235160, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 203441, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Mattox, Bert, 235162, Pte., k., 23/9/17, formerly 203480, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Mawdlsey, George, 51970, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
McAlister, David, 381398, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
McCabe, Martin, 42750, Sgt., d., 30/9/17.
McCafie, Thomas, 58123, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
McDonald, John, 48404, Pte., d., 17/4/18.
McDougall, James, 267813, Pte., k., 21/8/18
McGibbon, Fred, 41232, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
McGreevey, Albert, 48982, Cpl., k., 21/3/18, formerly 27339, East Lancashire Regiment.
McGuiness, William, 94443, Pte., k., 14/8/18, formerly 5679, Macnchester Regiment.
McMahon, Patrick, 21316, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
McNamee, Alexander, 14325, C.S.M., k., 28/3/18.
Mead, Edward, 46718, Pte., k., 28/4/18, formerly 38243, Manchester Regiment.
Melling, John Thomas, 235504, Pte., d., 14/7/18, formerly formerly 240873, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Mellowdew, John, 53255, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Merriman, John, 95077, Pte., d., 21/8/18, formerly 6626, Royal Irish Regiment.
Middleton, John Henry, 12522, Pte., k., 8/2/18.
Miller, Leonard Llantoff, 235312, Pte., d., 30/9/18, formerly 242030, Yorkshire Regiment.
Mitchell, Arthur, 20991, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Mitchell, Arthur Holman, 91055, Pte., d., 16/10/18.
Mitchell, Charles Napier, 21764, L/Sgt., k., 21/8/18.
Mogg, Ben Ivan, 91327, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 38000, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Monkley, Clarence Victor, 94543, Pte., k., 1/5/18, formerly 55954, Manchester Regiment.
Mooney, William, 86849, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Moore, Edgar Thomas Tillam, 94445, Pte., d., 22/5/18, formerly 303695, Manchester Regiment.
Moore, George, 94447, L/Cpl., k., 24/4/18, formerly 8748 Manchester Regiment.
Moores, Peter, 87970, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Moorhead, Daniel, 12334, Pte., k., 18/9/18.
Moran, Thomas, 27053, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Morgan, Stanley, 56962, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Morran, Geddes, 87964, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Morris, Joseph, 47738, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Morris, William Edgar, 84194, Pte., k., 14/7/18, formerly 32574, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Morris, William John, 87969, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Morrison, George Hamilton, 200798, Pte., d., 15/10/18.
Moy, Percy Jonathan, 87796, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 278702, Royal Engineers.
Mulraney, Hugh, 108791, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Mulryan, Michael, 20961, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Murray, James, 241476, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Myers, John, 48445, Sgt., k., 31/8/18, MM.
Neal, John, 15251, Sgt., k., 31/8/18.
Neale, Charles Herbert, 240926, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Newhouse, Harry, 88238, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 43370, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Nicholas, William Martin, 46134, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Nicholls, Charles, 94506, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 59042, Manchester Regiment.
Nickless, Samuel, 94630, Pte., k., 27/9/18, formerly 44217, South Lancashire Regiment.
Noblett, Fred, 97287, Pte., d., 10/10/18.
Nolan, John, 52334, Pte., d., 21/12/17.
Noll, William, 48558, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Noon, Peter, 87973, Pte. d., 1/11/18.
Norton, Clarence, 15358, Pte., k., 4/7/17, formerly 15358, East Lancashire Regiment.
Nunwick, Sydney, 90907. Pte., d., 6/4/18.
Nuttall, James Robert, 93668, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
O'Key, Percy, 56227, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 141141, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Oliver, Thomas, 90909, Pte., k., 16/2/18.
O'Neill, Joseph, 95177, Cpl., d.h., 15/12/18, formerly 14506, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Ong, Lawrence Arthur, 105422, Pte., d., 19/5/18.
O'Prey, John James, 53901, Pte., d., 8/10/18.
Ormrod, Henry, 38928, Pte., k., 11/3/18.
O'Rorke, Michael, 24232, Pte., k., 27/8/18.
O'Rourke, Joseph Noel, 90911, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Pacey, Samuel Sidney, 37405, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Packwood, Walter Alwood, 88257, Pte., d., 11/10/18.
Palmer, Harold Clyde, 87983, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Parker, Walter, 48757, Pte., k., 28/9/17, formerly 49693, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Parkin, Wilfred, 91291, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Parr, John, 260342, L/Cpl., k., 31/8/18, formerly 241099, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Parry, George J., 105356, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Pay, Albert Victor, 16837, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Pearce, John, 86930, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly R/276838, Royal Army Service Corps.
Pemberton, Henry, 16391, Pte., k., 21/8/18, M.M.
Pendlebury, Albert, 51758, Pte., k., 27/9/17, formerly 4485, Manchester Regiment.
Petticrew, George, 95091, Pte., k., 10/4/18, formerly 22185, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Pettitt, James, 48754, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 49982, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Phuler, Henry, 105354, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Pickles, Albert, 51859, A/L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Pickup, Henry Townsend, 241227, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Pilkington, Harold, 105352, Pte., k., 8/6/18.
Pinder, Andrew, 17449, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Pointon, Herbert, 235166, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 203424, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Pollard, Alexander Henry, 260952, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Poulson, James, 47365, Pte., k., 21/3/18.
Powell, John, 260342, Pte., d., 22/12/17.
Pownall, Richard, 25533, Sgt., k., 12/8/17.
Pragnell, Joseph Edward, 20618, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Pratt, Henry Edward, 86255, Pte., k., 27/9/17, formerly 17612, Army Cyclist Corps.
Prescott, Hamlet, 18751, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Prescott, James Richard, 97212, Pte., d., 4/9/18.
Preston, Edward, 53767, Pte., d., 25/9/18.
Price, Archibald, 381535, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 237051, Hereford Regiment.
Pritchard, Enrique Graham, 54488, Pte., k., 22/8/18.
Pritchard, Frank, 300461, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 250133, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Purcell, John, 32822, Pte., k., 12/4/18.
Quayle, John, 58650, Pte., d., 18/6/18.
Radcliffe, Harold, 200748, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Ramage, Arthur William, 50800, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Ratcliffe, Robert, 260309, Pte., k., 14/4/18, formerly 201116, Manchester Regiment.
Raw, John Frederick, 105358, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Reece, Percy, 50481, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 24584, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Richards, Gwilym Lloyd, 300508, Pte., d., 27/8/18, formerly 250755, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Rider, Charles Thomas, 204270, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Ridley, Ernest, 19210, Sgt., k., 13/12/17.
Rimmer, William, 35548, Pte., d., 30/10/18.
Rimmer, William, 269763, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Rippingham, Walter, 105360, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Roberts, Edward Harvey, 47154, Pte., d., 27/3/18.
Roberts, Hugh, 38086, Cpl., k., 11/4/18.

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Roberts, Samuel, 50871, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Robertson, Christopher James, 57829, Pte., d., 10/10/18, formerly 313, Army Cyclist Corps.
Robson, Robert Hollis, 332401, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Roeves, Joseph Simpson, 200319, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Roffey, Ralph, 24052, Cpl., d., 7/10/18.
Rooke, William, 48763, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 49977, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Ross, Charles, 235325, Pte., d., 2/11/18, formerly 243169, Yorkshire Regiment.
Rothwell, Thomas, 87988, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Round, John Frederick, 94461, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 7278, Warwickshire Regiment.
Royle, Albert Edward, 260263, Pte., d., 26/4/18, formerly 251183, Manchester Regiment.
Russell, Christopher, 36295, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Ryder, Thomas Michael, 85813, Pte., k., 16/2/18.
Sadler, Frederick, 88002, Pte., d., 30/1/18.
Salt, Walter John, 20539, L/Cpl., k., 20/7/18.
Sargison, George Kendal, 94467, Pte., d., 10/5/18, formerly 203626, Manchester Regiment.
Schwenter, John, 105379, Pte., k., 22/8/18.
Scott, Charles, 94465, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 33471, Manchester Regiment.
Scott, Joseph, 24286, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Searson, Arthur, 50397, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 49694, Manchester Regiment.
Shanks, Herbert, 52114, Pte., k., 21/7/17, formerly 2471 Manchester Regiment.
Sharman, Ernest, 235170, Pte., k., 17/7/17, formerly 203436, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Sharples, George, 202874, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Shaw, Arthur, 87887, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Shaw, Norman, 97218, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Shaw, William Henry, 18968, Pte., k., 8/2/18.
Shepherd, Fred, 94469, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 4599, Manchester Regiment.
Sherriff, Frederick French, 12326, Sgt., d., 31/8/18.
Shone, Arthur, 13557, Pte., d., 8/10/18.
Sibley, Henry Bertram, 19228, Sgt., k., 28/3/18.
Simpson, Arthur, 22533, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Simpson, William Henry, 57835, Pte., d., 19/12/17 formerly 15830, Army Cyclist Corps.
Slim, Harold W., 24009, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Smales, Frank, 260260, Pte., k., 23/8/18, formerly 201406 Manchester Regiment.
Small, Ralph Theodore, 48562, L/Cpl., k., 1/9/18, M.M.
Smalley, William, 88010, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Smith, Albert, 270089, Pte., d., 21/8/18.
Smith, Arthur William Harold, 95142, Pte., k., 13/4/18.
Smith, Harold, 88003, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Smith, Herbert, 92228, Pte., k., 18/4/18, formerly 48947, Manchester Regiment.
Smith, Joseph Elijah, 105382, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Smith, Thomas, 38465, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Smyth, Bernard, 269932, Pte., k., 25/3/18.
Smyth, Patrick, 269810, Pte., d., 28/3/18.
Southern, Arthur, 26740, Pte., k., 5/10/18.
Southward, Edward, 52391, Pte., k., 12/3/18.
Spedding, Leonard, 87994, Pte., d., 9/3/18.
Speight, Charles John, 204322, Pte., d., 1/9/18.
Spencer, Fred, 48989, Pte., k., 26/9/17, formerly 27742, East Lancashire Regiment.
Spray, Jack, 95089, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 24752, East Surrey Regiment.
Stapleton, Edward 241581, Pte., k., 27/1/18.
Stevens, William Victor Broadhurst, 50308, Pte., k., 24/10/18, formerly 49722, Manchester Regiment.
Steward, Thomas Watson, 19534, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Stewart, Robert, 15981, L/Cpl., k., 12/12/17.
Stockport, Albert, 85027, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 24713, 12th Lancers.
Stones, George, 34945, Pte., k., 8/2/18.
Stott, Robert, 90928, Pte., d., 2/9/18.
Studholme, Thomas Allan, 105372, Pte., k., 5/6/18.
Suckman, Jack, 38034, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Sumner, Charles Leonard Morland, 105383, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Swain, Levi, 266161, Pte., d., 30/3/18.
Swindell, Lewis, 48769, L/Cpl., k., 28/9/17, formerly 49797, Notts & Derby Regiment.
Sykes, George, 95150, Pte., d., 14/5/18.
Tattersall, Major, 48922, Pte., k., 8/2/18, formerly 27760, East Lancashire Regiment.
Taylor, Albert, 88020, Pte., d., 10/5/18.
Taylor, John, 11781, Pte., d., 12/10/18.
Taylor, William, 105388, Pte., k., 22/8/18.
Tearne, Charles, 300559, Pte., k., 14/7/18, formerly 250292, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry
Teasdale, Thomas, 308860, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Thistlewood, Harry, 201325, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Thomas, George Henry, 325080, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Thomas, Hayden Walter, 381452, Pte., k., 11/4/18.
Thomas, John, 88019, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Thomas, Percy James, 47153, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Thompson, John, 109211, Pte., d., 18/10/18.
Thompson, John George, 90644, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Thorne, Harry, 105389, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Tompkins, John, 95072, Pte., k., 1/9/18, formerly 6808, Royal Irish Regiment.
Toolan, William, 26474, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Toole, William Alphonso, 105387, Pte., k., 18/9/18.
Toomey, Austin Lewis, 86002, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Towers, Peter, 105420, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Trafford, Thomas, 241109, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Travis, Frank, 94472, Pte., k., 11/4/18, formerly 376783, Manchester Regiment.
Trippier, David, 88017, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Trower, William Henry, 49368, Pte., k., 12/12/17.
Turner, George John, 235194, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 202641, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Turner, Harold, 105384, Pte., k., 18/9/18.
Turner, Joseph Sidney, 20715, Pte., d., 2/11/17.
Turner, Thomas, 10745, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Unsworth, Fred, 209253, Pte., k., 8/2/18.
Unsworth, George, 19128, L/Cpl., d., 10/4/18.
Upton, Louis, 10732, Sgt., k., 21/4/18.
Valentine, Joseph, 88022, Pte., d., 16/1/18.
Vater, George, 85840, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Valentine, Samuel Brierley, 26340, Pte., k., 20/6/18.
Veale, Thomas, 88774, Pte., k., 10/10/18, formerly 190667, Royal Engineers.
Vogt, Herbert, 27300, Sgt., k., 3/7/17.
Wade, Richard, 88030, Pte., k., 27/9/17.
Wade, Tom, 105392, Pte., k., 23/8/18.
Walker, Andrew, 108797, L/Cpl., k., 8/10/18.
Walker, John, 95064, Pte., k., 12/4/18, formerly 5955, Manchester Regiment.
Walker, John, 235105, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 7223, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Walle, Enrico, 13381, Pte., k., 28/9/17.
Wallington, Walter, 95186, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 34812, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Walmsley, Frederick C., 95053, Pte., d., 13/4/18, formerly 60809, Manchester Regiment.
Walsh, John Edwin, 86912, Pte., d., 10/4/18, formerly 190623, Royal Field Artillery.
Walsh, Thomas, 308746, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Wands, Herbert Cunningham, 15599, L/Cpl., k., 21/8/18.
Warburton, John William, 105390, Pte., d., 28/9/18.
Warton, William James, 49516, Pte., k., 31/8/18, formerly 59784, Manchester Regiment.
Watson, Robert Norman, 15078, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Watson, William, 22574, L/Cpl., k., 21/8/18.
Webb, Frank, 88032, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Wedgewood, Percy Brook, 9965, Pte., k., 13/10/17.
Wellman, George, 26288, Pte., k., 25/9/17.
West, Cecil, 201084, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Whalley, George, 35858, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
White, Alfred, 308411, Pte., k., 12/12/17, formerly 3776, Manchester Regiment.
White, John, 97053, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Whitley, Cyril, 88025, Pte., k., 8/2/18.
Whitworth, Frank, 88023, Pte., d., 13/12/17.
Wiggans, William, 18135, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Wilkins, Leonard, 48790, Pte., d., 18/12/17, formerly 51239, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Willard, Ernest Edward, 87692, Pte., k., 23/8/18, formerly 2065, Royal Engineers.
Williams, Cecil John Fry, 59059, Pte., d., 22/8/18, formerly 59857, Manchester Regiment.
Williams, Francis William, 48210, Pte., k., 20/7/18.
Williams, George, 22290, Pte., k., 18/9/18.
Williams, Harry, 94614, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 44779, South Lancashire Regiment.
Williams, John, 29709, Pte., k., 23/8/18.
Williams, John, 95058, Pte., k., 14/4/18, formerly 59828, Manchester Regiment.
Williams, John Gilbert, 20584, Pte., k., 23/7/18.
Williams, Owen Pritchard, 53823, Pte., d., 30/3/18, formerly 15008, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Williams, Richard, 44602, Pte., k., 21/7/17, formerly 45890, Welsh Regiment.
Williams, Robert, 15710, Pte. k., 21/8/18.
Williams, Robert Hughes, 97058, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Williams, Thomas George, 95487, Pte., k., 27/9/18.
Willoughby, Herbert, 97181, Pte., k., 1/9/18.
Wills, George, 202484, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Wilson, Albert, 32340, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Wilson, Henry, 72720, Pte., d., 19/12/17.

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Winch, Edwin, 87579, Pte., k., 21/8/18, formerly 176182, Royal Engineers.
Winstanley, Thomas, 33217, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Withington, William, 95056, Pte., k., 15/9/18.
Wood, Bertie Emery, 94127, L/Cpl., k., 27/9/18, formerly 38642, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Woodley, George James, 91314, Pte., k., 18/9/18, formerly 38749, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Woodward, Richard, 24120, Pte., k., 4/9/17.
Worsley, Fred, 36274, Pte., d., 25/8/18.
Woulfe, Patrick, 307085, Pte, k., 28/3/18.
Wright, Herbert Arthur, 30836, Pte., k., 29/5/18, formerly 262, Cheshire Regiment.
Yates, George, 58791, Pte., d., 8/10/18, formerly 47026, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Young, Cecil Bagnall, 95187, Pte., d., 13/4/18, formerly 27512, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Zukauckus, Petras, 95095, Pte., d., 27/9/18, formerly 21903, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

14th BATTALION

Abbott, Lewis John, 41155, Pte., k., 23/1/18, formerly 136786, Royal Field Artillery.
Akester, William, 56109, Pte., k., 30/8/17, formerly 14791, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Balmer, Edward, 41158, Pte., d., 24/4/18, formerly 137152, Royal Field Artillery.
Bent, George, 41562, d., 19/1/18, formerly 3534, Manchester Regiment.
Bradley, John, 19359, L/Cpl., k., 23/1/18.
Bradshaw, James Henry, 20115, Cpl., k., 20/4/18.
Brown, John, 18686, L/Cpl., k., 23/1/18.
Bush, John, 21386, Pte., d., 31/8/17.
Coltart, James Percy, 15946, Pte., k., 7/2/18.
Evans, William John, 18868, Sgt., d., 13/1/18.
Fenety, John, 202990, Pte., d., 11/2/18.
Feran, John, 48883, Pte., d., 16/8/17.
Hall, Jonathan, 56217, Pte., d., 23/1/18, formerly 15633, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Haydock, Frederick, 23550, Pte., d., 25/1/18.
Hopkins, James, 18886, Pte., k., 30/8/17.
Keefe, John, 19160, Pte., d., 27/1/19, M.M.
King, Robert, 38052, Pte., k., 23/1/18.
Maloney. Thomas, 18999, Pte., d., 5/9/17.
Marsden, James, 21328, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
McCallum, Frank, 19111,Pte., d., 29/4/18.
McCormick, John Thomas, 85052, Pte., d., 7/7/18, formerly 24924. 5th Lancers.
McKenzie, George J., 23448, Pte., d., 30/8/17.
McNicholas, Richard, 56224, Pte., d., 30/10/17, formerly 31347, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Mort, Harold, 19375, L/Cpl., k., 19/1/18.
O'Sullivan, John, 31524, A/Cpl., d., 23/10/17.
Parr, Eric, 265585, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Roper, Thomas, 19931, Pte., k., 14/4/18.
Royle, Percy, 19915, L/Cpl., k., 22/4/18.
Sunderland, William, 235252, Pte., d., 19/4/18, formerly 202707, Yorkshire Regiment.
Sweet, Charles, 19957, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Sykes, Frederick, 48392, Pte., k., 30/8/17.
Thomason, Arthur, 19979, Cpl., d., 21/7/18.
Vickers, Bertie Crispin, 23759, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Watson, James Furness, 137 8, Pte., k., 14/9/17.
Webster, Cairns, 202272, Pte., d., 10/11/18.
Weller, Samuel George, 17985, Pte., k., 14/5/18.
Whitby, William, 201564, Pte., d., 12/5/18.
Wilkinson, Albert, 56261, Pte., d., 24/1/18, formerly 19560, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Williams, Wilfred, 19045, Pte., d., 26/4/18.
Wylie, Robert, 41646, Pte., k., 24/1/18.

15th BATTALION

De'Felice, Ernest, 3/73342, Pte., d.h., 28/2/19 (49th Training Reserve Battalion).
Donnelly, Bernard Francis, 3/72909, Pte., d.h., 15/10/18 (49th Training Reserve Battalion).
Gardner, James, 3/6649, Pte., d.h., 2/11/17 (49th Training Reserve Battalion).
George, Frederick Evan, 3/72308, Pte., d.h., 28/6/18 (49th Training Reserve Battalion).
Kendall, John Robert, 3/71954, Pte., d.h., 9/7/18 (49th Training Reserve Battalion).
Owens, Samuel, 3/72919, Pte., d.h., 12/10—18 (49th Training Reserve Battalion).

17th BATTALION

Ainsworth, Charles Henry, 266299, Pte., k., 7/12/18.
Anderson, Walter, 16698, Pte., k., 7/5/18.
Aspey, Joseph George, 94184, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 244782, Cheshire Regiment.
Bailey, Ellis, 49220, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 24117, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Baker, Geoffrey, 51960, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Baker, Thomas, 59287, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Banks, Richard Edward, 51896, Pte., k., 30/4/18.
Ball, Benjamin, 50225, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 37966, East Lancashire Regiment.
Barker, John, 80807, Pte., k., 4/12/17, formerly 291487 Welsh Regiment.
Barlow, Albert Edward, 41320, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Barnes, Alfred, 50652, Pte., d., 1/6/18.
Beaman, James, 41279, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Beardsworth, Robert, 27638, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Behr, William Edward, 57995, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 299, Lowland Division Cyclist Company.
Bell, Watson, 46630, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Birks, Frederick William, 57999, Pte., d., 2/7/17, formerly 298, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Blackburn, Joseph Edward, 51602, Pte., d., 11/4/18.
Blank, Gerald, 64776, Pte., d., 1/5/18.
Bottomley, Benjamin, 52872, Pte., d., 3/7/17.
Bowman, Andrew, 94195, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 44223, Cheshire Regiment.
Boyd, Ernest, 269622, Pte., d., 22/3/18.
Brooks, Harold, 49013, Pte., d., 3/7/17, formerly 33931 Lancashire Fusiliers.
Broster, Edward Hulme, 51676, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Brown, George, 42606, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Brown, George Henry, 114148, Pte., d., 6/11/18, formerly 61156 Northumberland Fusiliers.
Brown, Robert, 33092, Pte., k., 7/12/18.
Bulfield, Robert, 47371, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Bull, Harry, 49138, L/Cpl., k., 1/8/17, formerly 4078, Cheshire Regiment.
Butler, Arthur, 58002, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 306, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Byron, Joseph, 50654, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Carlisle, John, 51898, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Carroll, Henry Edward, 16131, L/Cpl., k., 4/12/17.
Chambers, Frederick Spencer, 50689, L/Cpl., k., 15/8/18.
Chandler, Frederick, 59571, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Charles, William Walter, 235119, Pte., d., 21/3/18, formerly 13053, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Chesters, Thomas Henry, 52097, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 1724, Manchester Regiment.
Clarke, Walter Josiah, 235112, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 458, East Kent Regiment.
Clarke, Wilfred George Flitch, 27333, Pte., k., 3/12/17.
Cross, William Walter, 36251, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Cocker, Harold, 58764, Pte., d., 27/6/18, formerly 33607, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Cook, Leonard, 33188, Pte., d., 5/7/17.

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Cook, William, 51899, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Copp, Harry, 86428, Pte., k., 7/11/17, formerly 5086, Manchester Regiment.
Copley, Percy, 50118, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Corke, John Thomas, 53165, Pte., d., 2/5/18, formerly 4498, Royal West Kent Regiment.
Corlett, Charles Edward, 381327, Pte., k., 9/2/19.
Cottam, Edward, 50228, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 37981 East Lancashire Regiment.
Cooil, Edward, 47163, Pte., k., 2/7/17.
Crail, William David, 15632, Cpl., k., 28/4/18.
Craine, Richard Welman, 64780, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Cuddy, George, 16361, L/Sgt., k., 29/4/18.
Conolly, Leonard, 57831, Sgt., k., 1/5/18, formerly 1795, London Regiment.
Dalton, Peter Forrester, 16053, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Danby, Joseph, 12422, Pte., k., 27/3/18.
Davies, Alfred George, 23927, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Davies, Arthur, 200232, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Davies, Edwin Lawrence, 235202, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 5496, Yorkshire Regiment.
Davies, Ellis Harold, 15598, L/Cpl., k., 4/8/17.
Davison, Harry, 50234, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 37996, East Lancashire Regiment.
Deaville, Albert, 23706, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Dentith, Rowland, 20766, Cpl., d., 29/4/18.
Dickinson, John Burgess, 30955, L/Cpl., k., 23/3/18.
Dillon, Joseph Edward, 41175, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 136607, Royal Field Artillery.
Dinning, Robert, 50123, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Dixon, Joseph, 50233, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 38003, East Lancashire Regiment.
Docherty, James, 56458, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 36799, Manchester Regiment.
Douglas, John, 42657, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Dukes, Edward, 26438, Pte., k., 31/12/17, formerly 4161, Army Cyclist Corps.
Dutton, William, 201303, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Ellison, James 35103, Pte., k., 20/12/17.
Ellison, John, 22066, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Evans, Alfred, 94247, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 39541 East Lancashire Regiment.
Evans, Arthur Leslie, 15776, Pte., d., 6/12/17.
Evans, Arthur Zacharius, 94199, Pte., d., 23/4/18, formerly 59842, Cheshire Regiment.
Fairclough, Henry, 15942, Pte., k., 30/7/17.
Fasham, George John, 86268, Pte., d., 20/4/18, formerly 17694, Army Cyclist Corps.
Fazackerley, Henry, 36254, L/Cpl., k., 25/3/18.
Fell, Herbert, 27360, Pte., k., 16/9/17.
Finnamore, Arthur Thomas, 57078, Sgt., k., 24/3/18, formerly 12931, London Regiment.
Floyd, Edward, 25727, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Forrest, William, 59579, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Fowden, Walter Frederick, 91288, Pte., d., 9/4/18.
Fowle, Phillip James, 58014, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 247, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Fowler, James, 12733, Pte., d., 22/3/18.
Francis, Horace Spencer, 58015, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 174, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Freestone, Charles, 48219, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Fulcher, William Edwin, 57020, Pte., k., 1/8/17, formerly 3484, London Regiment.
Gainford, Harry, 50701, L/Cpl., k., 28/4/18, formerly 24335, Border Regiment.
Gaskell, Thomas, 38789, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Gentle, Sidney George, 58017, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 263, London Divisional Cyclist Company
Graham, William, 300596, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 51765, Cheshire Regiment.
Greany, Percy Marks, 34938, Sgt., d., 7/12/18, M.M.
Greenwood, Charles, 35227, Pte., k., 4/12/17.
Gregson, Joseph, 52869, Pte., d., 26/8/18.
Griffiths, Frederick Nichols, 16074, L/Cpl., k., 8/5/18.
Hackett, Thomas, 34528, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Hampson, Arthur Foster, 49045, Pte., d., 11/10/18, formerly 32005, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Hancock, Timothy Charles, 46697, Pte., k., 7/11/17.
Hankin, Charles, 50661, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Hanton, John Alexander, 57416, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 15257, Army Cyclist Corps.
Hargreaves, Henry, 31507, L/Cpl., k., 1/8/17.
Harvey, Reginald Horace, 29623, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Haworth, John William, 50246, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 37967, East Lancashire Regiment.
Hetherington, Thomas, 54280, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Hides, Alfred William, 91289, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Hircock, James, 52291, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Hogg, James, 50137, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Holcroft, Peter, 269834, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Houghton, James, 58354, Pte., k., 7/12/18.
Houghton, William Thomas, 325219, Pte., d., 12/3/18, formerly 281296, Royal Fusiliers.
Howden, Charles Frederick, 50138, Pte., d., 3/8/17.
Hughes, Alfred, 240953, L/Cpl., k., 17/3/18.
Hunter, Harry, 34646, Pte., d., 31/12/17.
Jackson, Daniel, 42689, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Jackson, John, 42974, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Jardine, David, 15618, Pte., d., 14/1/18.
Jewsbury, Harry, 300598, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 3181, Cheshire Regiment.
Johnson, Albert James, 57673, L/Sgt., k., 30/8/17, formerly 268, North Midland Cyclist Company.
Johnson, Harold Victor, 51583, Pte., k., 2/7/17.
Jones, Charles, 204132, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Jones, Harry, 58682, Pte., k., 5/8/18.
Jones, James Morris, 22135, Pte., d., 8/5/18.
Jubey, Sydney Allen, 59540, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Keating, Harold, 29854, Pte., d., 9/5/18.
Keenan, Arthur, 24348, Cpl., d., 15/4/18.
Keiffer, Alfred Henry, 15647, L/Cpl., k., 15/12/17.
Kenworthy, John, 114116, Pte., k., 9/2/19, formerly 40546, North Lancashire Regiment.
Kermode, George William, 42758, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Kerr, Laurence, 51838, Pte., d., 11/5/18.
Kinsey, Norman Driffield, 91207, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Kirk, Leslie, 22442, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Kneale, William Percy, 59309, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lambert, George William, 50144, Pte., d., 30/1/18.
Lane, Robert, 6809, Pte., d., 5/11/17, formerly 23055, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Leach, John H. M., 52009, Pte., k., 20/12/17.
Leadbeater, John Henry, 49572, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Lowe, James, 22462, Sgt., k., 30/4/18.
Lynch, Michael, 36935, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Macartney, Richard, 57434, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 1135, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Macdonald, Albert, 31631, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Madden, William A., 24596, Pte., d., 25/6/18.
Maddocks, Randal, 38436, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Maher, Cyril, 18619, Pte., k., 9/2/19.
Mair, Charles, 57445, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 1120, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Malley, William Noel, 27382, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Marsden, Thomas, 41821, L/Cpl., k., 4/8/17.
Martin, Philip, 300597, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 291099, Cheshire Regiment.
Massey, Richard, 94185, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 244881 Cheshire Regiment.
Mathews, John Hollas, 94178, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 244804, Cheshire Regiment.
McCabe, Peter, 269882, L/Cpl., k., 4/8/17.
McCaffery, Hugh, 41606, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
McCambridge, Hugh Patrick, 59289, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
McCray, William, 50614, Pte., d., 20/5/18, formerly 34551, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
McDermott, William, 50669, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
McDonough, Walter, 29664, Pte., k., 9/2/19.
McElroy, James, 51567, Pte., d., 9/11/18.
McKay, Robert Gerard, 269819, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
McLaren, John, 49047, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 31951, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Metcalfe, William, 28345, Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Midgley, Percy Beaumont, 114275, Pte., d., 15/12/18, formerly 18528, West Riding Regiment.
Millett, James, 52669, A/L/Cpl., k., 5/3/18, formerly 2046, Manchester Regiment.
Millward, Joseph, 59341, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Milton, Charles Lewis, 50785, L/Cpl., k., 9/2/19.
Mitchell, Arthur, 52015, L/Cpl., k., 27/3/18.
Moffat, Ralph, 50151, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Moodie, William, 59280, Pte., d., 27/4/18.
Moore, James, 50522, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Moore, John Tomlinson, 51941, L/Cpl., k., 23/3/18.
Moses, Walter Harding, 241648, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Mowlam, Norman George, 57992, L/Cpl., d., 8/8/18, formerly 55, Army Cyclist Corps.
Muir, Leslie, 15675, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Murphy, Joseph, 108666, Pte., k., 5/5/19.
Murray, Bernard, 114100, Pte., d., 28/6/19.
Murray, Edgar Domenico, 51712, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Murray, Ernest, 49106, Pte., k., 4/8/17, formerly 5046, Cheshire Regiment.
Neilson, John Alexander, 50178, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Neligan, William D., 51653, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Nicholls, Albert Edward, 86440, Pte., k., 7/11/17, formerly 238837, Army Cyclist Corps.
Nicholson, Edward, 50670, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Norris, George, 22104, Pte., k., 27/3/18.
Nuttall, John, 50697, Pte., d., 18/10/17.

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O'Connor, Patrick, 41726, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Ollason, Andrew, 15340, Cpl., k., 4/8/17.
Orme, Reginald Joseph, 31142, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Owens, Alfred, 330381, Pte., k., 7/12/18.
Parker, Albert William, 40558, Pte., d.h., 18/4/18.
Parker, William, 26112, Pte., d., 16/7/18.
Parry, Frank, 49556, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Parry, Thomas Hugh, 43483, Pte., d., 2/8/18.
Phillips, Albert, 57943, Pte., k., 18/9/17, formerly 498, Army Cyclist Corps.
Pittman, William, 22812, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Pitts, Harry, 269899, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Poole, Ernest, 23145, Pte., d., 2/5/18.
Pope, Wallington Ernest, 49116, L/Cpl., k., 24/3/18, formerly 5321, Cheshire Regiment.
Preddy, Fred Wm., 57015, Pte., d., 16/6/18.
Preston, Ronald, 58040, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 315, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Proctor, Edward, 15716, L/Sgt., d., 23/3/18, D.C.M.
Redfern, Albert Myers, 51921, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Redpath, Thomas Llewellyan, 13188, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Relph, Edmund George, 51675, Pte., k., 24/4/18.
Rigby, Janes D., 15780, Sgt., k., 31/7/17, M.M.
Rigby, John Thomas, 14812, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Rimmer, John W., 88128, Pte., d., 19/9/18.
Roberts, John William, 114144, Pte., k., 9/2/19, formerly 33089, Manchester Regiment.
Roberts, Thomas, 23221, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Robinson, Thomas, 41843, L/Cpl., k., 4/8/17.
Rodgers, John, 235265, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 202673, Yorkshire Regiment.
Rogers, William John Dickson, 32730, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Roome, Frank, 49177, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4486, Cheshire Regiment.
Rooney, Roger, 269892, L/Cpl., d., 15/8/18.
Rothwell, William, 90920, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Rugen, Frederick, 51920, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Russell, Albert, 57984, L/Sgt., d., 8/5/18, formerly 324, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Russell, William, 24788, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Rymill, Albert, 15291, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Sampson, Hugh, 27579, Pte., k., 30/7/17.
Sayle, Charles Quayle, 51966, Cpl., k., 1/8/17.
Scothon, William, 57732, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 15695, Army Cyclist Corps.
Sixsmith, Albert, 29183, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Skillicorn, Stanley, 38868, Pte., k., 3/12/17.
Slifkin, Isaac, 42874, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Smethurst, William, 42267, Pte., k., 24/7/18.
Smith, Albert Scott, 238084, Sgt., k., 28/3/18, formerly 266085, Cheshire Regiment.
Smith, Eric Walter, 90932, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Smith, James, 57462, Pte., d., 12/4/18, formerly 15511, Army Cyclist Corps.
Somers, George, 57464, Pte., k., 28/4/18, formerly 1045, Army Cyclist Corps.
Spiers, James David, 49204, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 30157, Cheshire Regiment.
Stoneley, Arthur, 114307, Pte., d., 30/5/19, formerly 6149, Durham Light Infantry.
Stewart, Robert Arthur, 16051, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Stuart, William Henry, 50650, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 21599, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Sugden, Ben Roy, 114187, Pte., k., 30/12/18.
Sullivan, James Patrick, 63587, Pte., k., 8/12/17.
Symonds, Harold, 15678, Cpl., k., 8/5/18.
Tatlock, James, 36714, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Taylor, Edwin, 51585, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Taylor, Harry, 52930, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 23155, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Taylor, Lee, 49041, Cpl., k., 28/4/18, formerly 3792, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Thomas, John, 235259, Pte., k., 17/4/18, formerly 203652, Yorkshire Regiment.
Thompson, John Edward, 15307, Cpl., k., 28/4/18.
Thompson, Thomas, 86359, Pte., d., 10/4/18, formerly 17672, Army Cyclist Corps.
Thornton, Elineleck, 29643, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Thornton, Francis Hugh, 34115, L/Cpl., k., 26/3/18, formerly 23664, Border Regiment.
Tomlinson, Frederick William, 90940, Pte., k., 20/4/18.
Tomlinson, Lewis Dewett, 86364, Pte., k., 8/11/17, formerly 17740, Army Cyclist Corps.
Townsley, Arthur, 94181, Pte., d., 20/9/18, formerly 315944 Cheshire Regiment.
Travis, Frank, 32751, L/Cpl., k., 4/8/17, formerly 52751, Manchester Regiment.
Turner, Clifford, 15729, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Turner, George, 90939, Pte., k., 27/3/18.
Turner, Henry James, 114356, Pte., k., 7/12/18, formerly 10694, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Turner, Joseph, 12942, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Valentine, William Thomas, 50028, Pte., d., 28/4/18, formerly DM/2/196126, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.)
Vinall, Thomas Arthur, 52927, Pte., d., 2/8/17, formerly 11090, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Viner, John, 44402, Pte., d., 24/5/18.
Walsh, John, 49181, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 4336, Cheshire Regiment.
Ward, Edwin Maurice, 235264, Pte., d., 20/10/17, formerly 2476, Durham Light Infantry.
Waywell, Eric, 51658, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Webb, Joseph Lord, 15967, Pte., d. h., 24/4/18.
Welsh, James, 38880, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
West, Leslie Thomas, 15097, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Westby, Percy, 50113, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 826, Northumberland Fusiliers.
Whelan, Patrick, 308909, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Whinhan, George Osmond, 50173, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Whitehouse, Richard Arthur, 51927, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Whitney, George, 23858, Cpl., k., 6/5/18.
Whittam, Robert, 49029, L/Cpl., d., 10/5/18, formerly 27540, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Wilkinson, John, 50174, Pte., d., 5/8/17.
Williams, Richard David, 51659, Pte., k., 7/11/17.
Williams, Sidney, 50692, Pte., k., 30/4/18, formerly 178490, Royal Field Artillery.
Williams, William, 50683, Pte., d., 31/12/17.
Williamson, Percy J., 26192, Pte., k., 26/3/18.
Wilson, William, 50646, Pte., k., 9/5/18, formerly 34520, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Wilson, William Mozer, 31193, Pte., k., 25/3/18.
Winn, Frederick John, 57971, Pte., k., 1/8/17, formerly 3474, London Regiment.
Woods, James, 40685, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Wright, Albert Henry, 114191, Cpl., k., 9/2/19, formerly 3107, Northumberland Cyclist Battalion.
Wright, William, 42762, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Yardley, Ernest, 49038, L/Cpl., k., 16/10/17, formerly 15023, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Yates, James, 49132, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 4981, Cheshire Regiment.
Young, William Henry, 42391, Pte., k., 31/7/17.

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Acton, George, 268610, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Adams, William, 332819, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Aird, John Martindale, 331166, Pte., k., 6/10/17.
Airey, Matthew Caton, 235275, Pte., k., 7/5/18, formerly 17379, Yorkshire Regiment.
Alexander, Valentine, 29203, L/Cpl., d., 30/4/18.
Alker, Harold, 24661, Pte., d., 3/7/18.
Allen, Thomas Edward, 28125, Sgt., k., 8/5/18, formerly 2934, Manchester Regiment, M.M.
Allister, Thomas Henry, 202908, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Anderson, Tempest, 49328, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Anders, Thomas, 59339, Pte., d., 4/5/18.
Archer, Albert, 56356, Pte., k., 10/10/18, formerly 9415, Manchester Regiment.
Ashcroft, William, 37887, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Atherton, Joseph, 27948, Pte., d., 30/4/18, formerly 142182, Machine Gun Corps.
Atherton, Peter, 300177, Pte., k., 7/12/17, formerly 1115, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Badderley, Harry, 16793, Cpl., 31/7/17.
Baines, Edward, 49217, Pte., k., 26/4/18, formerly 23556, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Baker, Joseph, 300182, Pte., k., 6/12/17, formerly 250170, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Ball, Alfred, 202814, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Bampton, Charles, 35125, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Bansor, Albert Charles, 300188, Pte., d., 1/5/18, formerly 250534, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Barker, Frank, 57940, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 502, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Barlow, James Burham, 29106, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Baron, James Gerald, 300522, Sgt., k., 4/12/17, formerly 250032, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.

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Barrett, George, 57772, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 335, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Bartley, Joseph, 202891, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Bateson, James, 308710, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Batey, Isaac, 57773, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 339, Army Cyclist Corps.
Baxter, John, 42705, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Bell, Robert Armour, 21928, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Beresford, George, 23477, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Bergin, Thomas, 300190, Pte., k., 6/10/17, formerly 250432, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Bethell, Charles Edmund, 22615, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bickley, Henry Gordon, 300199, Pte., k., 2/1/18, formerly 250843, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Bitten, Charles Henry, 235281, Pte., k., 21/9/17, formerly 2451, Yorkshire Regiment.
Blackburn, Harry, 30297, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Bolton, Anthony, 19404, Sgt., k., 4/11/18.
Boon, James, 300040, Pte., k., 21/9/17, formerly 251371 Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Boswell, Hedley, 27340, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bowyer, Edward Bannister, 269812, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Boyer, John, 59465, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Brearley, Benjamin Staley, 57694, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 382, North Midland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Bretherton, John, 29558, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bridson, Thomas Henry, 406704, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Brough, George, 16289, Pte., k., 25/8/17.
Brown, Albert, 235283, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 4983, Yorkshire Regiment.
Brown, John Stewart, 41506, Pte., d.h., 15/11/18, formerly 4071, Manchester Regiment.
Brown, Thomas Howard, 57775, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 397, Northumberland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Brown, Thomas William, 59438, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Burrows, William, 24765, Pte., k., 25/8/17.
Burt, Arthur Edward, 57502, Sgt., k., 31/7/17, formerly 2360, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Butterworth, John Wilfred, 35088, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Caldwell, Alphonaus, 22048, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Caldwell, Andrew Arthur, 57398, Pte., k., 21/12/17, formerly 1207, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Caldwell, Archie, 242488, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Carter, George Henry, 52479, L/Cpl., d., 9/11/18, formerly 10019, Northumberland Regiment.
Cartwright, Edwin, 18192, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Cartwright, William, 23777, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Charles, William, 49222, Pte., d., 21/4/18.
Cheater, Edgar, 64787, Pte., k., 21/8/18.
Cheetham, James, 64769, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Clancy, Stephen, 93359, Pte., k., 20/10/18, formerly T/4/86274, Royal Army Service Corps.
Clarke, Stanley, 51785, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 4749, Manchester Regiment.
Clayton, Hugh George Victor, 300366, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 1886, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Clifford, Henry, 207277, Pte., k., 21/9/17.
Connell, John, 406581, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 18441, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Conroy, Peter William, 41723, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Consterdine, Fred Whiteley, 41489, Pte., k., 10/10/18, formerly 4046, Manchester Regiment.
Conway, James, 202830, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Cook, John, 300536, Pte., d., 14/11/18, formerly 1067, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Cooper, James, 22657, Pte., d.h., 2/10/18.
Corlett, William Reginald, 16167, Pte., d., 17/12/18.
Cottier, William Dyson, 33103, Pte., d., 3/1/18.
Cottrell, William Edward, 20141, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Coulthard, Joseph, 300229, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 2996, Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry.
Cowin, Robert, 270090, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Cox, Frederick, 300219, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 516, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Craddock, George Raymond, 300029, Pte., d., 4/10/17, formerly 2398, City of London Yeomanry.
Crane, Sidney Arthur, 57607, Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 124, West Riding Divisional Cyclist Company.
Crawford, George, 57779, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 325, Northern Divisional Cyclist Company.
Critchley, George, 300216, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 1021, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Cronin, William, 243457, Pte., d., 13/10/18, formerly 344097, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Crosby, John Henry, 59155, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Cuddy, Albert George, 300470, Pte., d., 19/12/17, formerly 1930, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Curran, Henry, 204609, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Campion, Thomas, 37054, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Dale, Henry, 20196, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Davenport, Horace, 300539, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250290, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Davies, Joseph, 59224, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Davies, Robert, 42757, Pte., k., 23/9/17.
Davies, William Henry, 84988, Pte., k., 10/10/18, formerly 27607, 12th Lancers.
Derry, Samuel Henry, 269493, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Dickinson, Charles, 44530, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 40619, Welch Regiment.
Digby, John J. W., 300244, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250725, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Dodd, Henry Arthur, 57859, Pte., k., 21/9/17, formerly 1948, Northumberland Fusiliers.
Dodd, Thomas Sydney, 242545, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Dodworth, Charles George, 57638, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 116, Army Cyclist Corps.
Dohran, Joseph, 22981, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Doig, William, 57527, Cpl., k., 28/3/18, formerly 856, Highland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Downey, William, 270033, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Driver, Rennie, 53741, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly T/4/110031, Royal Army Service Corps.
Dunn, John William, 300239, Pte., d., 29/3/18, formerly 250352, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Dutch, William Edward, 72325, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Eaves, Herbert, 300445, Sgt., k., 29/4/18, formerly 729, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Eccleston, Frederick, 300540, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 989, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Eckersley, James, 300247, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 397, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Edwards, George, 49078, Pte., d., 6/6/18.
Elliot, William, 57784, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 326, Northumberland Divisional Cyclist Company, M.M.
Elton, Frederick James, 25798, L/Cpl., k., 4/9/17.
Ensor, Thomas, 332470, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Evans, Harry, 300346, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250484, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Evans, John, 300473, Pte., k., 27/8/18, formerly 1642, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Eves, William, 59347, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Fahey, Patrick, 305724, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Fallding, Joseph, 32667, Pte., k., 14/10/18.
Farquhar, Nelson Houghton, 300249, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 1864, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Fearson, George, 203094, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Foden, Robert Ernest, 58081, Pte., d., 24/11/18, formerly 4313, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.
Forshaw, Albert Edward, 54111, Pte., k., 8/5/18.
Fox, George Henry, 41925, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Foy, John, 35362, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Frame, John, 300026, Pte., k., 21/3/18, formerly 2358, Berks Yeomanry.
Francis, Ambrose, 270079, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Furnival, James Ernest, 24247, L/Cpl., k., 8/10/18.
Gaskell, Thomas Prescott, 25732, Pte., k., 25/7/17.
Gaskell, William, 300254, L/Cpl., k., 29/4/18, formerly 250175, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Gault, Thomas, 57410, Pte., k., 31/7/17., formerly 1063, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Gell, Arthur Thomas, 56271, Pte., k., 20/10/18, formerly 19112, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Gibbons, Alfred, 300259, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250700, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Gill, John Henry, 202812, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Gill, Thomas Edward, 18090, Pte., k., 20/10/18.
Gilbray, Fred, 300253, Sgt., d., 8/10/17, formerly 250191, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Gloyne, Harry, 85267, Pte., k., 10/10/18, formerly 13535, Royal Welch Fusiliers.
Grant, Norman Gordon, 65291, Pte., k., 8/11/18, formerly 5770, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Greenwood, Dan, 36398, Pte., k., 6/5/18.
Guile, Henry, 300434, Pte., d., 21/3/18, formerly 250841, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Gulland, William, 17347, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Guppy, Reginald, 300264, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 231569, Dorsetshire Yeomanry.
Gyte, Henry, 22701, Cpl., d.h., 7/5/18.
Hall, Wilfrid, 206905, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Hammond, James Hesketh, 202901, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hampson, Richard William, 59428, Pte., d.h., 7/7/17.
Hankinson, Ernest, 300479, Pte., k., 8/5/18, formerly 250452, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Hanley, John, 332160, Pte., d., 11/10/18.
Hargreaves, Herbert, 35928, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Harrison, Reginald, 300482, Pte., k., 7/10/17, formerly 250724, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Harvey, Alfred James, 32316, Pte., k., 31/7/17.

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Hayes, John, 300283, Sgt., k., 7/10/17, formerly 250054, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Hayward, Alfred, 80416, Pte., d., 9/4/18, formerly 19501, Army Cyclist Corps.
Haywood, John George, 57718, Pte., k., 4/12/17, formerly 15660, Army Cyclist Corps.
Heaton, George, 300266, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 350129, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Heery, John, 41800, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Henderson, Hugh, 13453, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Hennesy, Thomas James, 202836, Pte., k., 4/12/17.
Higginson, Frederick S., 59464, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hill, Alfred Edward, 53111, Pte., k., 7/5/18, formerly 20430, East Surrey Regiment.
Hill, Samuel, 13645, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Hilton, Samuel, 300010, Pte.,k., 2/1/18, formerly 250543, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Hird, Robert, 57790, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 15779, Army Cyclist Corps.
Hitchin, William, 300273, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 250673, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Holden, Frederick, 38820, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Holland, William, 18398, Pte., k., 10/10/17.
Hollinghurst, Albert Edward, 52419, L/Cpl., k., 31/8/18.
Holmes, John, 270085, Pte., k., 16/4/18.
Holt, Frederick, 25412, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Hornby, James, 37026, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hornby, William Richard, 201530, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Howarth, John, 27167, Pte., d., 19/10/18.
Hoy, James, 85187, Pte., d., 16/10/18.
Hudson, Alec Manley, 242550, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hutton, Frederick Ruben, 26092, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Innes, Alexander, 57466, L/Cpl., d., 3/10/17, formerly 1984, Gordon Highlanders.
Jackson, Walter, 406080, Pte., k., 2/10/18.
Jarman, James Henry, 53112, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 20476, East Surrey Regiment.
Jones, Frederick John, 32710, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Jones, John, 300035, Pte., k., 1/10/17.
Jones, John Tarrick, 59557, Pte., d., 3/10/17.
Jones, John William, 23056, Pte., d., 30/4/18.
Jones, William Henry, 300299, Pte., d., 23/4/18, formerly 1099, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Jowett, Herbert, 202164, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Kay, James, 406047, Pte. k., 28/3/18.
Kelly, James, 20423, Cpl., d., 10/11/18.
Kelly, John, 12446, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Kelly, Percy, 204632, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Kewley, George, 16427, Pte., d., 27/5/18.
Kewley, William George, 33134, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
King, Rupert, 16529, Pte., d., 16/8/17.
Kirkham, Albert, 21268, Pte., k., 11/10/18.
Kirkpatrick, Alexander, 12090, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Kirkpatrick, George Henry Albert, 12090, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Lamb, John, 203305, Pte., d., 4/9/17.
Lanigan, Edward Joseph, 13624, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Leach, Frank, 24772, Pte., k., 26/7/17.
Lee, Patrick, 34538, Pte., d., 23/9/17.
Leece, William, 84856, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Leighton, Charles Richard, 46700, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lells, John, 16538, Pte., d., 27/3/18.
Lennon, Robert, 57549, Pte., k., 2/5/18, formerly 15432, Highland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Lindsay, Thomas, 16466, Cpl., k., 25/8/17.
Lloyd, Robert, 202854, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lock, William, 56298, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Lomas, James Arthur, 26225, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lowe, Jack, 62009, Pte., d., 8/11/17, formerly 22357, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.
Lowe, William James, 300306, Sgt., k., 6/10/17, formerly 250038, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Lucas, Allan, 17070, Cpl., d., 25/9/17.
Lyne, Saville, 52398, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 17281, Border Regiment.
Lyon, James, 29693, Pte., k., 21/9/17.
Macdonald, Alexander, 17073, L/Cpl., k., 8/5/18.
Malcolm, Duncan, 17076, Sgt., k., 22/9/17.
Margerison, George Jeffrey, 85178, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Martin, John Alexander, 35696, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Martin, Luke, 265827, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Martland, James, 57980, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McCann, Owen, 332341, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McDougall, Edward Andrew, 241106, Cpl., d., 4/11/18.
McElnea, Robert Harley, 16593, Pte., d., 23/9/17.
McFarlane, William James, 306003, Pte., d., 18/10/18.
McGanity, William, 11490, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
McGregor, David, 57435, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 1114, Army Cyclist Corps.
McGinley, James, 300321, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 250729, Lancashire Hussa s Yeomanry.
McHugh, William, 13516, Pte., k., 9/10/18.
McNiven, William, 25159, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
McQuiggan, James, 21067, Pte., d., 24/11/18.
Meek, Frederick, 21963, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Melia, Peter, 30783, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Millar, Bertie, 57558, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18, formerly 810, Army Cyclist Corps.
Moore, Albert J., 17254, Cpl., k., 8/12/17.
Moore, Thomas, 58565, Pte., k., 7/12/17.
Moss, Thomas, 49253, Pte., k., 7/12/17, formerly 23718, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Muirhead, John, 31656, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Murphy, William, 18487, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Myland, Arthur Stanley, 307968, Pte., k., 31/8/18.
Mylchreest, Herbert, 30038, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Nield, James, 33036, Pte., d. h., 13/11/18.
Newall, Frederick C., 25788, Sgt., d., 2/8/17.
Nicholl, Thomas, 267329, Pte., d., 9/11/18.
Nisbet, Charles B., 18474, Pte., k., 8/11/18.
Niven, Robert, 57452, Pte., d., 9/4/18, formerly 1119, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Corps.
O'Brien, Patrick James, 88140, Pte., k., 8/11/18, formerly 27929, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
O'Hare, William, 48207, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
O'Laverty, James, 300498, Pte., d., 9/5/18, formerly 250633, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Orme, Thomas George, 22202, Pte., d., 3/12/18.
Osterfield, Harold Benjamin, 16473, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Pairman, Adam Anderson, 57563, Pte., d.h., 3/9/17, formerly 865, Army Cyclist Corps.
Palfrey, Cornelius, 300388, Pte., k., 4/12/17, formerly 250338, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Parkinson, Thomas, 48658, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 5417, Manchester Regiment.
Parr, George H., 16260, Pte., d.h., 22/8/17.
Parry, Robert Evan, 17158, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Patterson, Edward, 353008, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Perry, Henry John, 44339, Pte., d., 22/9/17, formerly 36705, South Wales Borderers.
Phillips, William, 59572, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Phillis, Frank, 57729, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 418, Army Cyclist Corps.
Plummer, Frank, 48276, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Preddy, Fred William, 57615, Pte., d., 16/6/18, formerly 125, Army Cyclist Corps.
Pugh, Horace James, 16265, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Pye, Edward, 25356, Pte., d., 8/11/18.
Rawlings, John Welsh, 58553, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Reed, William Hill, 300042, Pte., k., 21/9/17, formerly 1874, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Richardson, John, 29610, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Richardson, Robert, 24603, Pte., k., 4/9/17.
Ridgway, William, 52437, Pte., k., 25/8/17, formerly 17208, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Rigby, Henry, 49533, Pte., d., 1/5/18.
Rigby, William, 56928, Pte., k., 2/1/18.
Rimmer, John, 267375, Pte., d. h., 20/10/18.
Robbins, George, 14520, Sgt., k., 10/10/18.
Roberts, Albert Edward, 406053, Pte., d.h., 9/3/18.
Roberts, David, 300354, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 670, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Robertson, Robert, 57378, Sgt., d., 27/4/18, formerly 1061, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Robinson, William, 52714, Pte., d., 3/5/18, formerly 4577, Manchester Regiment.
Robson, Ernest Alexander, 86974, Pte., d., 7/1/19.
Rockcliffe, Richard, 27440, Pte., d., 1/8/17.
Rothwell, Thomas, 42879, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Roughley, William, 17943, Pte., k., 8/10/18, M.M.
Sale, George Daniel, 300372, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250722, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Schofield, John, 235254, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 203515, Yorkshire Regiment.
Schlank, John, 235256, Pte., k., 2/5/18, formerly 203589, Yorkshire Regiment.
Seddon, Joseph, 300359, L/Cpl., k., 2/1/18, formerly 250183, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Sefton, Thomas Henry, 34358, Pte., d., 8/5/18.
Shaw, Fred, 235253, Pte., d., 1/8/17, formerly 202716, Yorkshire Regiment.
Shone, John, 26007, Pte., d., 28/11/17.
Shortall, Joseph, 64834, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Shotton, Hugh, 57856, Sgt., k., 20/4/18, formerly 1480, Northunberland Fusiliers.
Silcock, Robert, 300365, Pte., d., 12/12/17, formerly 250125, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Simpson, John William, 41833, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Skirrow, Thomas, 50634, Pte., d., 22/6/18, formerly 34549, Royal Lancaster Regiment.

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Smith, Ernest, 300380, Pte., k., 5/7/18, formerly 250283, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Smith, John, 265312, L/Cpl., k., 3/9/17.
Smith, John Henry, 16484, Pte., d., 28/3/18.
Smith, Sydney, 22846, Sgt., k., 18/10/18.
Smith, William, 50103, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Speakman, James, 308326, Pte., k., 24/10/18, formerly 4487, Manchester Regiment.
Spencer, Harry, 16486, Sgt., d., 25/8/17.
Stafford, George, 18764, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Stafford, Henry Key, 406176, Pte., k., 7/5/18.
Stafford, Robert, 235250, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 202700, Yorkshire Regiment.
Stanton, Peter, 27549, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Stapleton, Reginald, 11439, Pte., k., 24/7/17.
Stephan, Edward Frederick, 57957, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 575, Army Cyclist Corps.
Stewart, George Arthur, 32328, Pte., d., 19/10/17.
Stothart, Walter Herbert, 42056, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Strickland, George, 306287, Pte., k., 8/10/18.
Sweeney, Charles, 47735, Pte., d., 9/10/17.
Tall, Frederick John, 88135, Pte., k., 9/4/18, formerly 10724, 18th Hussars.
Tait, Charles Adam, 235257, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 202392, Yorkshire Regiment.
Taylor, Alex, 57468, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 1755, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Taylor, Granville, 32555, Pte., d., 20/10/18.
Taylor, Harvey, 58775, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 35455, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Taylor, Percy, 235258, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 202666, Yorkshire Regiment.
Thoel, William, 24034, L/Cpl., k., 29/4/18.
Thompson, Stephen, 24039, Sgt., k., 10/10/18, formerly 6145, Manchester Regiment.
Thompson, William, 300558, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250510, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Tinsley, Cyril, 24250, L/Cpl., k., 10/10/18.
Todd, Herbert Owen, 53125, Pte., d.h., 20/7/17, formerly 20502, East Surrey Regiment.
Tomlinson, Thomas, 35028, Pte., d., 6/6/18.
Townsend, John, 21263, Pte., d., 18/10/18.
Townsend, William John, 25398, Pte., k., 18/10/18.
Travis, James, 14501, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Treacy, Donald Frederic, 51747, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Trow, Harold, 17004, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Trueman, Alfred Walker, 57964, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 511, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Turton, William, 22868, Pte., k., 3/9/17.
Walker, Robert, 56255, Pte., k., 10/10/18, formerly 15632, East Yorks Regiment.
Walsh, Peter, 300413, Pte., k., 4/12/17, formerly 250148, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Walsworth, Friend, 58564, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 20445, Cheshire Regiment.
Warburton, John Edward, 30804, Pte., k., 6/5/18.
Waterworth, Benjamin, 50257, L/Cpl., k., 10/10/18, formerly 18017, East Yorks Regiment.
Watkinson, Andrew, 300406, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250541, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Webster, Vincent, 300518, Pte., k., 7/10/17, formerly 250078, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Wells, Frederick, 21729, Pte., d., 25/9/17.
Whittaker, John Edward, 50281, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 38005, East Lancashire Regiment.
Whittaker, Samuel, 20467, Sgt., d., 10/10/18.
Wickstead, Isaac, 270104, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Wilcock, Charles, 17747, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Wilcock, Thomas, 84868, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Wilkinson, Francis, 33155, Pte., d., 17/8/17.
Willey, John William, 57666, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 15595, Army Cyclist Corps.
Williams, Hugh Edward, 300031, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 251410, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Williams, John, 57579, Pte., d., 27/3/18, formerly 535, Highland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Williams, Joseph Bennett, 55689, Pte., d., 20/11/17.
Williams, Norman, 203179, Pte., k., 22/9/17.
Wilson, John, 300038, Pte., k., 8/10/17, formerly 316510, Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry.
Wilson, Joseph, 13784, Pte., d.h., 21/10/18.
Wilson, William George, 18892, Pte., d., 8/10/18.
Winterbottom, Sydney, 35808, Pte., k., 18/10/18.
Wood, Hubert, 25235, Pte., d., 2/12/18.
Wood, James, 12369, Pte., d., 9/10/18.
Woodburn, Stanley, 300032, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 250623, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Woods, Henry, 18759, Pte., k., 10/10/18.
Woodward, Walter, 51749, L/Cpl., k., 29/4/18.
Wooldridge, James Herbert, 24682, Pte., k., 1/10/17.
Worthington, Thomas Edgerton, 300409, Cpl., k., 6/10/17, formerly 250268, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Wright, Cecil John, 21646, L/Cpl., k., 8/10/18, M.M.
Wyman, Archer, 300412, Pte., k., 1/10/17, formerly 250442, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Yates, Ernest, 20506, Pte., k., 18/10/18.
Young, Henry, 23876, Sgt., k., 29/4/18.
Young, Thomas, 300520, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 250387, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.

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Alcock, Alexander, 30573, Pte., d., 27/4/18.
Alexander, Donald, 57388, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 1050, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Alliott, Arthur Henry, 50180, Cpl., d., 25/8/18, formerly 20963, Leicester Regiment.
Amess, James, 57546, Pte., d., 8/5/18, formerly 843, Highland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Armstrong, Roland, 52142, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 2804, Manchester Regiment.
Arrowsmith, Henry, 235201, Pte., k., 9/10/17, formerly 202810, Yorkshire Regiment.
Astle, Thomas, 50064, Pte., k., 28/4/18, formerly 380, Royal Army Service Corps.
Aston, George, 52058, Pte., k., 3/8/17.
Bagley, David, 50181, Pte., k., 3/8/17.
Bailey, Joseph, 235213, Pte., k., 24/7/17, formerly 6768, Yorkshire Regiment.
Baker, Thomas, 35240, Pte., k., 28/3/18, M.M.
Barker, Charles 203014 Pte., k., 10/5/18.
Barnes, William Henry, 17276, Sgt., k., 22/3/18, MM.
Bateman, Norman, 21845, Pte., d., 3/7/17.
Baxter, John Hugh, 17536, Pte., k., 5/12/17.
Beament, Arthur Willie, 50595, Pte., k., 19/12/17, formerly 176403, Royal Field Artillery.
Bellingham, Richard, 22324, Pte., k., 27/3/18.
Bellis, Alfred James, 24318, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Bennett, Charles, 91275, Pte., d., 11/11/18, formerly 23727, Worcestershire Regiment.
Benstead, Arthur, 50025, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 31679, East Surrey Regiment.
Bethell, Alfred, 52250, L/Cpl., k., 30/3/18, formerly 4129, Manchester Regiment.
Birch, Alfred, 42949, L/Cpl., k., 29/4/18.
Birchall, William, 50591, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly T/3/029861, Royal Army Service Corps.
Bishop, Charles Henry, 203049, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Blackstone, Leonard Wilson, 17286, Sgt., k., 16/11/17.
Blackwood, David, 14015, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Blakeman, Joseph, 47440, Pte., k., 3/8/17.
Blinkhorn, Thomas, 50094, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Blyde, Harry, 21849, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Bollom, Phillip, 50587, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly T/4/060703, Royal Army Service Corps.
Booth, William Thomas, 307837, L/Cpl., k., 30/3/18.
Bowyer, William, 331008, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Boycott, John Arthur, 53130, L/Cpl., k., 23/7/17, formerly 22088, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Brennan, Patrick, 48259, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Brown, William Henry, 23917, Sgt., k., 31/7/17.
Bruce, John Findley, 57521, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 841, Highland Divisonal Cyclist Co.
Burgess, Albert Edward, 30535, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Burke, Frank, 52112, Pte. k., 31/7/17.
Burns, Edward, 13587, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Burton, Harold, 57698, Cpl., k., 18/4/18, formerly 408, Northumberland Divisonal Cyclist Company.
Bushell, Herbert Henry, 52138, L/Sgt., k., 20/12/17, formerly 2775, Manchester Regiment.
Byrne, Stephen, 18323, Pte., d., 27/6/18.
Callister, John Edward, 47140, Pte., k., 23/3/18.
Campbell, Ian McLaren, 21713, Cpl., k., 30/3/18, M.M.
Carter, Ernest, 27259, Pte., d., 12/10/18.
Chamberlain, William Richard, 50186, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 36875, Leicestershire Regiment.
Clarkson, Thomas, 34410, Pte., d., 31/10/17.
Clayton, Joseph Thomas, 17290, L/Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Cliffe, Oswald, 48113, Pte., k., 19/12/17.
Collier, Percy, 49064, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Congdon, Frederic Charles, 24344, Sgt., k., 28/3/18.
Conroy, Bernard, 46129, Pte., k., 26/9/17.

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Cornish, Alfred Joseph, 21469, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Conlan, Richard, 241890, Pte., k 22/3/18.
Coulton, Thomas, 50605, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly M.T./285069, Royal Army Service Corps.
Cowie, Albert Edward, 57495, Cpl., k., 22/3/18, formerly 791, Highland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Crank, William, 20755, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Cregeen, Esley, 52899, Pte., k., 18/10/17.
Cross, William, 330704, L/Cpl., k., 30/3/18.
Dalton, Norman James, 47186, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Dandy, John, 12067, L/Cpl., k., 12/9/17.
Dangerfield, Thomas, 46416, Pte., d., 12/11/17.
Davidson, James Innes, 86424, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 3907, Queen's Oxford Hussars.
Davies, Hyman, 235221, Pte., k., 1/8/18, formerly 5884, Yorkshire Regiment.
Davies, Percy, 52101, Pte., k., 8/10/17, formerly 1982, Manchester Regiment.
Dean, Frank, 94238, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 39600, East Lancashire Regiment.
D'Clare, Henry, 94239, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Devereux, Richard, 30068, Pte., d. h., 19/5/18.
Devon, Edward, 12098, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Dewhurst, Richard Thomas, 50189, Pte., d., 22/11/17, formerly DM2/178870, Royal Army Service Corps.
Dicks, Arthur William, 17314, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Dod, Charles Norman, 51708, Pte., k., 30/4/18.
Donelan, Louis, 202833, Pte., d., 16/5/18.
Dooley, James Patrick, 52110, L/Cpl., k., 15/7/17, formerly 2150, Manchester Regiment.
Dougherty, Harry, 50044, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly T/37305, Royal Army Service Corps.
Dowling, Ernest Henry, 17315, Sgt., d., 11/11/17.
Doyle, James, 30295, Pte., k., 20/3/18.
Doyle, Patrick, 31887, Pte., k., 27/3/18.
Driver, James, 94237, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 88637, East Lancashire Regiment.
Dyer, Arthur Edward, 86423, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 286120, Queen's Oxford Hussars.
Earle, George, 75301, Pte., k., 27/3/18.
Eastwood, George Bradwell, 93248, L/Cpl., d., 20/5/18, formerly 39933, East Lancashire Regiment.
Emison Frank, 94246, L/Cpl., d., 30/4/18, formerly 21886, East Lancashire Regiment.
Entwistle, John, 94245, Pte., k., 29/4/18, formerly 60294, Manchester Regiment.
Fairfull, Robert, 57531, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 776, Army Cyclist Corps.
Farey, Loammi, 202844, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Firth, Ernest, 94253, L/Cpl., d., 1/5/18, formerly 24189, East Lancashire Regiment.
Fisher, William, 11243, Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Fitton, William, 94251, Pte., k., 29/3/18.
Fitzsimons, George, 17334, L/Sgt., k., 30/3/18.
Fletcher, William, 52195, L/Cpl.,k., 30/3/18, formerly 3338 Manchester Regiment.
Foster, Andrew Gardner, 57408, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 1095, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Fotherby, Joseph Hubert, 50193, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 69750, Leicestershire Regiment.
Foxley, Reginald Thomas, 54142, Pte., k., 27/7/17.
Frodsham, Charles, 22380, L/Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Gainham, Henry Ferguson, 57787, Pte., d., 5/8/17, formerly 15773, Northumberland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Gaskell, Stanley James, 49547, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Gibson, George, 405703, Pte., k., 27/7/17.
Gilbert, Henry Richard, 57928, Pte., k., 24/3/18, formerly 3490, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Gilduff, John, 265006, Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Giles, George, 57896, Pte., k., 27/7/17, formerly 12314, Royal Army Service Corps.
Godding, Arthur John, 203034, Pte., k., 4/11/17.
Goodman, Thomas, 50057, Pte., k., 19/12/17, formerly 159836, Royal Army Service Corps.
Gouldbourne, John, 48127, Pte., k., 5/7/17.
Green, John, 20781, Pte., d. 20/4/18.
Griffiths, James, 94254, Pte., d., 9/5/18.
Griffiths, John Maxwell, 29228, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Grossett, Andrew B., 335227, Pte., k., 3/8/17, formerly 6355, Yorkshire Regiment.
Guy, Samuel, 241632, L/Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Hargreaves, Edgar, 17591, Pte., d. h., 26/5/18.
Hargreaves, Frederick, 21718, L/Cpl., d., 13/6/18.
Harker, George James, 17613, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Harland, Joseph, 48257, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Harrison, Alexander, 52905, Pte., d., 8/8/17.
Harrison, John, 19793, Sgt., k., 21/7/17, M.M.
Harrington, Francis, 332672, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Harwood, Arthur, 235231, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 203612, Yorkshire Regiment.
Hatton, William, 266894, Pte., d., 8/1/18.
Hayden, Philip, 17358, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Henderson, John, 57418, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 15259, Army Cyclist Corps.
Herring, William Gladstone, 53066, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 22345, Leicester Regiment.
Hopkins, Patrick, 17615, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Horan, Matthew, 57591, Pte., k., 3/8/17, formerly 15944, Army Cyclist Corps.
Houlgrave, Phillip Stanley, 22418, Pte., d., 29/4/18.
Howard, Henry, 269183, Pte., k., 3/12/17.
Hudson, John Henry, 52072, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hughes, Henry Ledsome, 17371, Pte., k., 18/10/17.
Hughes, James Edward, 21247, Pte., k., 20/12/17.
Hulme, John, 235230, Pte., d., 31/7/17, formerly 9878, Yorkshire Regiment.
Hunter, James F., 57421, Pte., k., 20/9/17, formerly 15262, Army Cyclist Corps.
Hetherington, Henry Albert, 94260, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Highcock, Albert Edward, 30839, L/Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Hill, John, 33081, Pte., d., 23/3/18.
Hindley, Walter, 22407, Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Hobrough, Frank, 11360, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hodge, David Ross, 57377, Sgt., k., 20/9/17, formerly 15211, Army Cyclist Corps.
Hodgson, John Mellon, 23434, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Hogarth, Herbert, 17378, Pte., d., 11/11/18.
Holden, Ernest, 331120, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Holley, Herbert John, 50049, Pte., k., 9/5/18, formerly 159706, Royal Army Service Corps.
Hollidge, Thomas, 50020, Pte., k., 18/4/18, formerly 11752, East Surrey Regiment.
Holmes, William, 330854, Pte., d., 2/8/17.
Hooper, Lionel William, 53190, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 6307, Royal Fusiliers.
Jackson, Percy, 58671, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Jackson, Samuel, 51685, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
James, Ellis, 50602, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly T/R/145766, Royal Army Service Corps.
Jinman, Ernest, 235307, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 242950, Yorkshire Regiment.
Johnston, George, 204777, Pte., d., 5/8/17, formerly 8267, Border Regiment.
Jones, Alfred, 41897, Pte., d., 31/3/18.
Jones, Henry Arthur, 17861, Pte., d., 29/7/18.
Jones, Haydon, 25015, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Jones, John Alexander, 22434, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Jones, Joseph H., 17387, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Jones, Richard George West, 27143, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Jones, William, 52140, Pte., k., 27/7/17, formerly 2792, Manchester Regiment.
Kavanagh, John, 54155, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Kehoe, Peter, 21547, Pte., d., 4/6/18.
Kempsey, Walter Joseph, 17873, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Kenny, John, 330175, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Kewley, John Henry, 21850, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Kilday, Samuel, 46928, Pte., d., 28/3/18.
Knowles, John Reginald, 22443, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Lake, George Henry, 21559, Pte., d., 1/4/18.
Larner, Benjamin Thomas, 50609, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Lawler, Peter, 31798, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Lawrence, James Richard, 52032, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Leedale, Francis, 265744, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Leeming, John Thomas, 235240, Pte., k., 28/7/17, formerly 203593, Yorkshire Regiment.
Lees, John, 22452, Sgt., k., 30/3/18.
Leevers, Frederick, 25941, Pte., k., 18/10/17.
Leigh, Charles Robert, 36708, Pte., k., 10/5/18.
Leeke, Lemnel, 406638, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lester, Joseph, 50069, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lewis, Francis, 31506, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Lightfoot, Albert, 17412, Cpl., k., 27/7/17.
Linder, Philip, 52242, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 4087, Manchester Regiment.
Little, Robert, 52111, L/Cpl., k., 30/3/18, formerly 2163, Manchester Regiment.
Llewellyn, Edward, 405620, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Lloyd, Gwillyan R., 17408, Pte., d., 28/9/17.
Lloyd, George Forsyth, 32696, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Lockett, Albert, 235239, Pte., k., 11/5/18, formerly 202536, Yorkshire Regiment.
Lowe, George John Hunter, 203512, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Luke, Alexander Fredrick, 57428, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 1136, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Lyon, John, 48499, Pte., d., 4/9/18.
Lyon, Thomas Henry, 243873, Pte., k., 29/7/17.
Macdonald, John, 269725, Pte., d., 31/7/17.
Madeley, Benton, 17888, Pte., k., 20/9/17.
Manning, Thomas, 32551, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
March, Thomas, 22466, Pte., k., 28/3/18.

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Marshall, George, 23100, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Martin, Joseph, 23098, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Martindale, George Dick, 202819, Pte., k., 19/12/17.
McCormick, James M., 37751, Pte., d.h., 17/5/18.
McKenzie, Thomas, 304394, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
McKibbin, George, 23107, Sgt., k., 30/3/18.
McNicoll, Charles Fleetwood, 52884, Pte., d., 16/4/18.
Mellor, George William, 32227, Pte., k., 22/7/17, formerly 3496, Manchester Regiment.
Merrick, Frank, 52907, Pte., k., 18/4/18.
Mervyn, Arthur, 17895, Cpl., d., 3/5/18.
Millhouse, Charles, 52130, L/Cpl., k., 29/4/18, formerly 2708, Manchester Regiment.
Milson, Arthur, 58566, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 31040, Cheshire Regiment.
Monks, Charles, 235243, Pte., d., 31/7/17, formerly 203622, Yorkshire Regiment.
Moore, Thomas, 57817, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 383, Army Cyclist Corps.
Morris, Albert, 53134, L/Cpl., k., 23/7/17, formerly 11781, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Morris, Michael, 23796, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Nall, Thomas, 17437, Sgt., k., 22/3/18.
Nolan, Nicholas, 12820, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Ollerenshaw, George William, 23131, L/Cpl., d., 29/3/18.
Osborne, Harold, 57820, Pte., d., 27/9/17, formerly 392, Army Cyclist Corps.
Parker, Charles, 235117, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 78891, Royal Field Artillery.
Parker, Thomas, 50620, Pte., k., 18/4/18, formerly 34489, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Parker, William, 12744, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Peebles, William, 50206, Pte., d., 28/7/17, formerly 282547, Royal Army Service Corps.
Perry, Charles W., 17919, Pte., k., 28/3/18.
Perryman, William T., 21591, Sgt., d., 9/6/18.
Peters, John, 22808, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Phipps, Henry, 17600, Pte., d., 24/10/17.
Plunkett, Joseph Edward, 51777, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Poncia, Francis Hastings, 58067, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 11355, Army Cyclist Corps.
Pyburn, Thomas Bowerbank, 57824, Pte., k., 23/7/17, formerly 429, Army Cyclist Corps.
Quilliam, Robert Walter, 39412, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Quine, Albert Robinson, 38819, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Radcliffe, John, 33013, Pte., k., 24/3/18.
Reid, David, 21431, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Roberts, Edward, 202845, Pte., k., 5/7/17.
Roberts, William Edward, 16271, Pte., k., 26/9/17.
Roberts, William Henry, 37849, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Robson, Albert Ernest, 57830, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 15825, Army Cyclist Corps.
Rock, Joseph, 57832, Pte., k., 22/3/18, formerly 15827, Army Cyclist Corps.
Rouse, Frank, 21428, Pte., d., 29/10/17.
Rowley, John Winstanley, 51730, Pte., d., 22/3/18.
Ryder, James William, 25467, Pte., k., 23/7/17.
Sanderson, Henry James, 202839, Pte., k., 27/10/17.
Seacombe, Thomas George, 406610, Pte., k., 27/7/17, formerly 2600, Welsh Regiment.
Shyman, William, 21348, Pte., k., 28/4/18.
Sketchely, Harry, 50210, Pte., d., 3/8/17, formerly 33939, Leicester Regiment.
Smith, Alfred Peter, 203700, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Smith, Avard Forsyth, 51687, L/Cpl., d.h., 8/4/18.
Smith, Clifford, 52198, Pte., k., 5/12/17, formerly 3350, Manchester Regiment.
Smith, Edward, 50211, Pte., k., 29/7/17.
Smith, Edward Francis, 52909, Pte., d., 21/12/17.
Smith, Leonard Arthur, 200469, L/Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Smith, Thomas, 51706, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Squirrell, Charles Henry, 17721, Pte., k., 1/5/18.
Stansfield, Herbert Norman, 22543, Cpl., d., 27/3/18.
Stead, Matthew Henry, 21786, L/Cpl., k., 18/10/18.
Stewart, Robert, 57465, L/Cpl., k., 22/3/18, formerly 1027, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Stone, Charles, 50057, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly T/4/056780, Royal Army Service Corps.
Stone, Leslie Edward, 17470, Pte., k., 6/5/18.
Stuart, Ernest, 27321, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Sumner, Bernard, 21862, Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
Sutcliffe, John, 52158 L/Cpl. d., 8/12/17, formerly 2950, Manchester Regiment.
Swift, Robert, 202865, Pte., d., 5/8/17.
Swinburn, John, 20319, Pte., k., 5/12/17.
Tamber, Joseph, 307010, Pte., k., 22/3/18.
Tanner, Harry, 50072, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly T/4/2409070, Royal Army Service Corps.
Thomas, Frank Albert, 202001, Pte., d., 25/10/17.
Thomas, Sidney, 52122, Pte., k., 30/3/18, formerly 3321, Manchester Regiment.
Thompson, William, 52178, Pte., d., 7/12/17, formerly 3216, Manchester Regiment.
Topping, James Thomas, 17487, L/Sgt., k., 22/3/18.
Townsend, James Jester, 50217, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Trafford, Isaac, 48129, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Vaughan, David William, 27377, L/Cpl., k., 20/9/17.
Walberg, Richard Sutton, 17992, L/Cpl., d., 7/11/17.
Webster, John Stanley, 21655, Cpl., d., 21/8/18.
Webster, Robert, 17499, Cpl., k., 22/3/18.
White, James, 18053, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Whittaker, George Henry, 202905, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Wild, Edmund, 52258, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 4802, Manchester Regiment.
Williams, Edward Mayall, 216887, Sgt., d. 12/5/18.
Williams, George Harrison, 50991, A/C.S.M., k., 29/4/18.
Williams, Richard Albert, 22896, Cpl., k., 22/3/18, D.C.M.
Williams, William H., 52041, Pte., k., 30/3/18.
Willshaw, William, 27304, Pte., k., 20/3/18.
Wilson, Archibald McLean, 57476, Pte., d., 28/7/17, formerly 1189, Lowlamd Divisional Cyclist Company.
Wilson Harold J., 17744, Cpl., k., 28/3/18.
Woods, James, 204723, Pte., k., 29/4/18.
Woods, Sandford, 12056, Pte., d., 30/10/18.
Wren, John Sidney, 57973, Pte., k., 28/3/18, formerly 577, London Divisional Cyclist Company.
Wynn, George Thomas, 405666, Pte., k., 27/7/17.
Youde, John, 21663, Pte., k., 30/7/18.

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Adams, Charles, 58663, Sgt., d., 11/10/17.
Armstrong, John Thomas, 35691, Cpl., k., 31/7/17, MM.
Armstrong, Samuel, 34208, L/Sgt., d., 27/1/18.
Ashcroft, Henry, 56662, Pte., k., 31/7/17
Bailey, Thomas, 35865, Pte., k., 4/8/17.
Barlow, Walter, 50091, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Birkhead, Norman, 49498, Pte., d., 6/7/17, formerly 7898, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Bolton, Joseph Edward, 36701, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Boyes, William Edgar, 25315, Pte., d., 15/8/17.
Brown, John, 57397, Pte., d., 1/7/17, formerly 1149, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Callaghan, John, 40581, Pte., k., 8/9/17.
Clements, Reginald, 235111, Pte., d., 7/8/17.
Colville, Arthur, 59509, Pte., k., 3/1/18.
Connor, Henry, 22656, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Dugdale, Robert William, 49197, L/Cpl., d., 19/10/17, formerly 27737, East Lancashire Regiment.
Edwards, James, 27242, Pte., k., 6/7/17, formerly 56519, East Lancashire Regiment.
Farrell, John, 10630, Pte., k., 2/7/17.
Fell, Frederick, 49056, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
French, Horace, 35730, Pte., d., 6/9/17.
Galley, George, 235302, Pte., k., 6/9/17, formerly 242230, Yorkshire Regiment.
Garside, Percy, 49091, Pte., d., 2/7/17.
Gidney, Fred, 33102, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Gibson, Leonard, 22089, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Greenway, Frank Bertram, 34368, Pte., d., 8/5/18.
Greenwood, Ernest, 51744, L/Cpl., k., 4/11/17.
Gregory, Wilfred Sinclaire, 235304, Pte., d., 3/8/97, formerly 242856, Yorkshire Regiment.
Griffin, John, 30332, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hargreaves, Arthur, 49203, Pte., d., 17/8/17, formerly 27371, East Lancashire Regiment.
Harper, James Laurence, 22702, Pte., d., 7/4/18.
Harrington, Thomas, 23945, Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Harrison, Reginald, 38470, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Hatch, Charles, 22307, Sgt., k., 2/8/17.
Hayhurst, Joseph, 50008 Pte. k., 1/8/17.
Haslewood, James, 49081, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
Hill, Edwin, 22407, Sgt., d.h., 16/11/17.
Hine, George Edward, 235305, Pte., d., 24/12/17, formerly 5329, Yorkshire Regiment.
Hope, Charles Robert, 50031, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Houghton, Thomas, 22110, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Hughes, George Henry, 49573, Pte., k., 2/7/17.

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Irvine, Duncan John, 57541, Pte . k., 2/8/17, formerly 907, Army Cyclist Corps.
Johnson, Herbert Hanson, 58710, Pte., k., 22/9/17, formerly 14118, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Jones, Arthur, 29175, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17.
Lamb, Henry, 53163, L/Cpl., k., 2/8/17, formerly 6791, West Kent Regiment.
Ledger, Arthur, 24359, Pte., d., 8/11/17.
Loughran, Harold Austin, 38824, Pte., k., 8/9/17.
Lowens, James, 36802, Pte., k., 3/8/17.
Marshall, William, 36040, Pte., k., 1/8/17.
McDonald, Arthur, 48423, L/Cpl., d., 4/8/17.
McLarren, Edward, 23109, L/Cpl., k., 8/9/17, M.M.
Meredew, Frank, 51720, Pte., k., 21/7/17.
Milne, Roland, 50032, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Milsom, John, 50262, Pte., d., 23/12/17, formerly 38023, East Lancashire Regiment.
Mitchell, Samuel Percy, 51725, Pte., d., 12/12/17.
Mobbs, Herbert, 23513, Pte., d., 13/8/17, formerly 4822, Yorkshire Regiment.
Munday, James Stephen, 22186, Pte., k., 30/7/17.
Murray, Robert, 54137, Pte., k., 8/9/17.
Mylchreest, Davis, 25066, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
O'Hagan, Cornelius, 34416, Pte., k., 2/8/17.
Parker, John, 49532, L/Cpl., k., 31/7/17, formerly 7939, Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry.
Povey, George, 22219, Pte., d., 29/7/17.
Richardson, James, 50623, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 34566, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Riding, John, 50627, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 34560, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Rump, Charles, 235326, Pte., d., 12/7/17, formerly 5283, Yorkshire Regiment.
Salthouse, George Alfred, 50636, Pte., k., 3/8/17, formerly 34475, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Sculley, Thomas, 50273, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 37998, East Lancashire Regiment.
Seddon, Thomas Edward, 58646, Cpl., k., 1/8/17.
Shaw, Frederick, 23828, L/Cpl., d., 11/7/18.
Sheader, William Wade, 50277, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 38031, East Lancashire Regiment.
Shorrock, Ralph, 50289, Pte., d., 6/1/18, formerly 38025, East Lancashire Regiment.
Shrimpson, Harold Alfred, 235328, Pte., d., 13/1/18 formerly 4782, Yorkshire Regiment.
Silvey, Richard Morris, 200827, Cpl., d., 10/9/17.
Simmons, John Albert, 202266, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Simpsom, Percy Tom, 22840, Cpl., d., 1/8/17.
Smith, Alexander, 57463, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 1192, Lowland Divisional Cyclist Company.
Smith, James, 72265, Pte., k., 31/10/17, formerly 35451, Manchester Regiment.
Smith, Thomas Anderson, 22258, C.S.M., k., 26/3/18, D.C.M.
Spiller, William Henry, 50266, Pte., k., 19/12/17, formerly 37549, East Lancashire Regiment.
Sturrock, William, 22850, A/Sgt., k., 2/8/17.
Suttie, Harry, 57575, Pte., k., 3/1/18, formerly 738, Army Cyclist Corps.
Thompson, Robert Benjamin, 58708, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Trewhett, Reginald Carter, 57755, Pte., k., 6/1/18, formerly 114, Army Cyclist Corps.
Tweedy, George, 42688, Pte., d., 4/8/17.
Walker, John, 50286, Pte., d., 19/11/17, formerly 37991, East Lancashire Regiment.
Walters, William Henry, 49315, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Weatherspoon, Peter, 22294, Pte., k., 31/7/17.
Whitehead, Hiram, 235337, Pte., k., 2/8/17, formerly 242851, East Yorkshire Regiment.
Wood, George, 50285, Pte., d., 1/7/17, formerly 37976, East Lancashire Regiment.
Woolaston, Percy, 235340, Pte., k., 31/7/17, formerly 243121, Yorkshire Regiment.
Wright, Henry, 14928, L/Cpl., k., 5/1/18.

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Hooper, Morris, 3/17712, Pte., d.h., 3/8/17 (67th Training Reserve Battalion).
Rigby, George, 3/17384, Pte., d.h., 4/8/17 (67th Training Reserve Battalion).
Sneesby, William, 3/72372, Pte., d.h., 14/7/18 (67th Training Reserve Battalion).
Williams, Charles Albert, 3/72647, Pte., d.h., 9/10/18 (67th Training Reserve Battalion).

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Aldred, John, 108255, Pte., d., 6/11/18, formerly 24673, North Lancashire Regiment.
Banks, Albert, 108449, Pte., d., 15/9/18, formerly 6622, London Regiment.
Barwise, Thomas William, 57174, Pte., k., 5/9/18.
Berry, James Patrick, 41781, Pte., k., 5/9/18.
Braithwaite, Reginald, 91842, Pte., d., 6/9/18.
Brooks, Robert, 108329, Pte., d., 10/10/18, formerly 34020, Hampshire Regiment.
Brooks, Robert John Melville, 82877, Pte., k., 2/10/18, formerly 810537, London Regiment.
Chappell, William, 108202, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 23559, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Clayton, Thomas, 380354, L/Cpl., k., 2/10/18, formerly 51133, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Collingwood, Frank, 82821, Pte., d., 3/10/18.
Collins, Frederick William George, 97360, Pte., k., 21/10/18, formerly 22443, Rifle Brigade.
Cox, John Samuel, 108436, Pte., d., 4/9/18, formerly 5618, London Regiment.
Curtis, Arthur Ernest, 381860, Pte., k., 29/7/18, formerly 3223, London Regiment.
Dickson, Robert, 108281, Pte., k., 8/10/18, formerly 15979, East Lancashire Regiment.
Easter, William Joseph, 82741, Pte., d., 10/9/18, formerly 375354, London Regiment.
Elvidge, Herbert John, 108402, Pte., k., 5/9/18, formerly 7230, Notts and Derby Regiment.
Fletcher, William, 405971, Pte., d., 2/10/18.
Fowler, Edward Thomas, 82790, Pte., k., 5/9/18, formerly 782089, London Regiment.
Green, Tom William, 82858, Pte., k., 2/10/18, formerly 801452, London Regiment.
Harrison, John, 91834, Pte., d.h., 22/9/18.
Helbrow, Samuel Edward, 381947, Pte., d., 15/9/18, formerly 2652, Rifle Brigade.
Holloway, William Francis, 82720, Pte., k., 9/10/18 formerly 8223, London Regiment.
Howe, Herbert, 108046, Pte., k., 5/9/18, formerly 62410, Royal Field Artillery.
Huggins, Henry John, 82691, Pte., k., 2/10/18, formerly 8220, London Regiment.
Hunt, George, 25238, Pte., d., 4/10/18.
Johnston, Henry Thomas, 82856, Pte., d., 8/10/18, formerly 801421, London Regiment.
Johnstone, William, 381895, Pte., k., 27/7/18, formerly 2370, Royal Scots Fusiliers.
Keeble, Arthur Edward, 82817, Pte., d., 10/8/18, formerly 801204, London Regiment.
Knowles, James Thomas, 82715, Pte., d.h., 30/10/18, formerly 5795, London Regiment.
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Deaton, Joseph Winn, 85774, Pte., d.h., 29/4/18, formerly 19901, Border Regiment.
Downward, Thomas, 380043, Pte., d.h., 20/7/18, formerly 2308, Manchester Regiment.
Larner, Joseph, d., 10/10/18, formerly 31440, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Neville, Fred William, 111778, Pte., d.h., 23/7/18.

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Buchanan, George Ludovic, 606162, Pte., d.h., 8/2/19, formerly 2336, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Couzens, Harry, 28368, Pte., d., Egypt, 2/1/18, formerly 2539, Royal Field Artillery.
Davis, George, 28506, Pte., d. Egypt, 7/12/17, formerly 8041, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Ellor, John, 242982, Pte., d. Egypt, 27/5/18, formerly 2550, Manchester Regiment.
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Kennedy, Patrick, 242950, Pte., d. Egypt, 6/6/18, formerly 241403, Lancashire Fusiliers.
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Carpenter, Frank Henry, 85083, Pte., d. Salonica, 22/8/17, formerly 17843, Manchester Regiment.
Carter, Peter, 10989, Pte., d. h., 10/8/18.
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Coggins, William Daniel, 84697, Pte., d. Salonica, 26/12/17, formerly R/4/068138, Royal Army Service Corps.
Connor, Charles, 9235, Pte., d. Salonica, 24/9/18.
Davies, Alfred, 90546, Pte., d. Salonica, 8/11/18, formerly 40039, Shropshire Light Infantry.
Davies, Thomas, 93068, Pte., d. Salonica, 27/11/18.
Downey, John, 8997, Pte., d. Salonica, 21/9/17, formerly 17705, Royal Irish Fusiliers.
Duxbury, Richard, 92999, Pte., d. Salonica, 29/12/18 formerly 25851, Border Regiment.
Eaton, Arthur, 54030, Pte., d. Salonica, 18/8/17, formerly 27220, South Wales Borderers.
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Evans, John, 12411, Pte., d. Malta, 22/3/18.
Fish, Albert Edward, 33590, Pte., d., Salonica, 30/11/18.
Hall, Robert, 33408, Pte., d. Salonica, 2/11/18, formerly 8843, Border Regiment.
Hardcastle, John Alfred, 56049, Pte., d. Salonica, 27/11/17, formerly 24849, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Harris, Alfred Rowland Horace, 85095, Pte., d. Salonica, 13/10/17.
Hooper, John, 89898, Pte., d. h., 1/4/18, formerly 8952, Royal Irish Regiment.
Jones, James William, 33409, Sgt., d. Salonica, 19/11/18, formerly 4745, Border Regiment.
Leech, Abraham, 90614, Pte., d. Salonica, 1/11/18, formerly 66512, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Martin, Henry, 90121, Pte., d. Salonica, 5/1/18, formerly 663, Royal Irish Rifles.
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Watson, John Thomas, T. R.3/50718, Pte., d., 16/8/17.

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Redford, William, 83220, Pte., d. h., 16/6/18.
Rushton, Albert, 74012, Pte., d. h., 12/1/18.
Simm, John, 82541, Pte., d. h., 9/8/18.
Winstanley, Arthur, T.R.3/74246, Pte., d. h., 9/9/18.

52nd GRADUATED BATTALION

Forster, Alfred, 2665, Pte., d. h., 27/1/18.
Hale, Albert Edward, 85426, Pte., d. h., 2/11/18.
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Pemberton, Redvers Samuel, 83866, Pte., d. h., 7/7/18.

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Barrow, Henry, 83737, Pte., d. h., 13/5/18.
Barton, Alfred, 74922, Pte., d. h., 7/1/18, formerly 8418, Welsh Regiment.
Bolton, James Richard, 106456, Pte., d. h., 10/10/18.
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Wright, William, 85890, Pte., d. h., 16/10/18.

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